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ABSTRACT

This manuscript report is a collation of Lake Winnipeg commercial fisheries regulations from 1941 to 1978. It covers changes in season length, geographical boundaries, quotas, legal mesh sizes, legal gill net yardages, and in some cases, the number of licences issued to an area for a given season.

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Table 1. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1941-46.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
P.C. 3980	1941-1942	2nd Mon. in June-1st. Sat in Aug.	North-end	5	Whitefish	2,865,000 whites & walleyes	5½" min.	5000 yd.	Max. 136 licences
P.C. 4699	42 06 03	as above	North-end	5	Whitefish	3,000,000	5½" Min.	5000 yd.	Max 150 licences
P.C. 7928	42 09 05	boundary for 5½" minimum mesh moved from catfish to cathead location to catfish pt. to Commissioner Is. to Lynx Pt.							
P.C. 4665	1943	"	"	"	"	3,000,000 whites 150,000 walleye	5½" min.	"	Max 150 licences not more than 25 Joint licences (incl.) Joint licence 24,000 lb. whites (Max.) 1,000 lb. walleye Full licence 19,400 lb. whites 1,000 lb. walleye
P.C. 4699	1945	1st. Mon. in June-last Sat. in July	"	"	"	"	"	"	

Fig. 1. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1941-1946.

Table 2. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1947.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
				Section 3				
P.C.	4744 Nov. 46 1947	1st. Mon. in June-last Sat. in July	North-end (excluding pickerel poc)	#5	Whites	3,000,000 whites 150,000 walleye	5¼" min.	5000 yd. no change
		1st. Mon. in June-1st. Sat in July	pickerel pockets	#5(f)	Walleye	2,500 lb. walleye & whitefish	4¼" min.	500 yd. Sturgeon Bay Max. 30 licences Gr. Rapids-within 1 mi. of shore

Fig. 2. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1947.

Table 3. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1948-1954.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/47-906 Nov./47 P.C. 4625 1948	2nd. Mon. in June-last Sat. July	North-end	#5(a)	Whites	3,000,000 whites 150,000 walleye	5½" min.	5000 yd. Poplar Point area deleted
	2nd Mon. in June-July 10	pickerel pockets & channel	#5(f)	Walleye	3,000,000 whites 150,000 walleye	4½" min.	Poplar Point area added as pickerel pocket
SOR/47-1023 Dec/47 P.C . 5354 1948	ABOVE REGULATIONS REVOKED			NO CHANGE FOR SUMMER FISHERY FROM SOR/47-906			
SOR/48-241 May/48 1948	GULL BAY CLOSED TO SUMMER COMMERCIAL FISHING 1(c)						

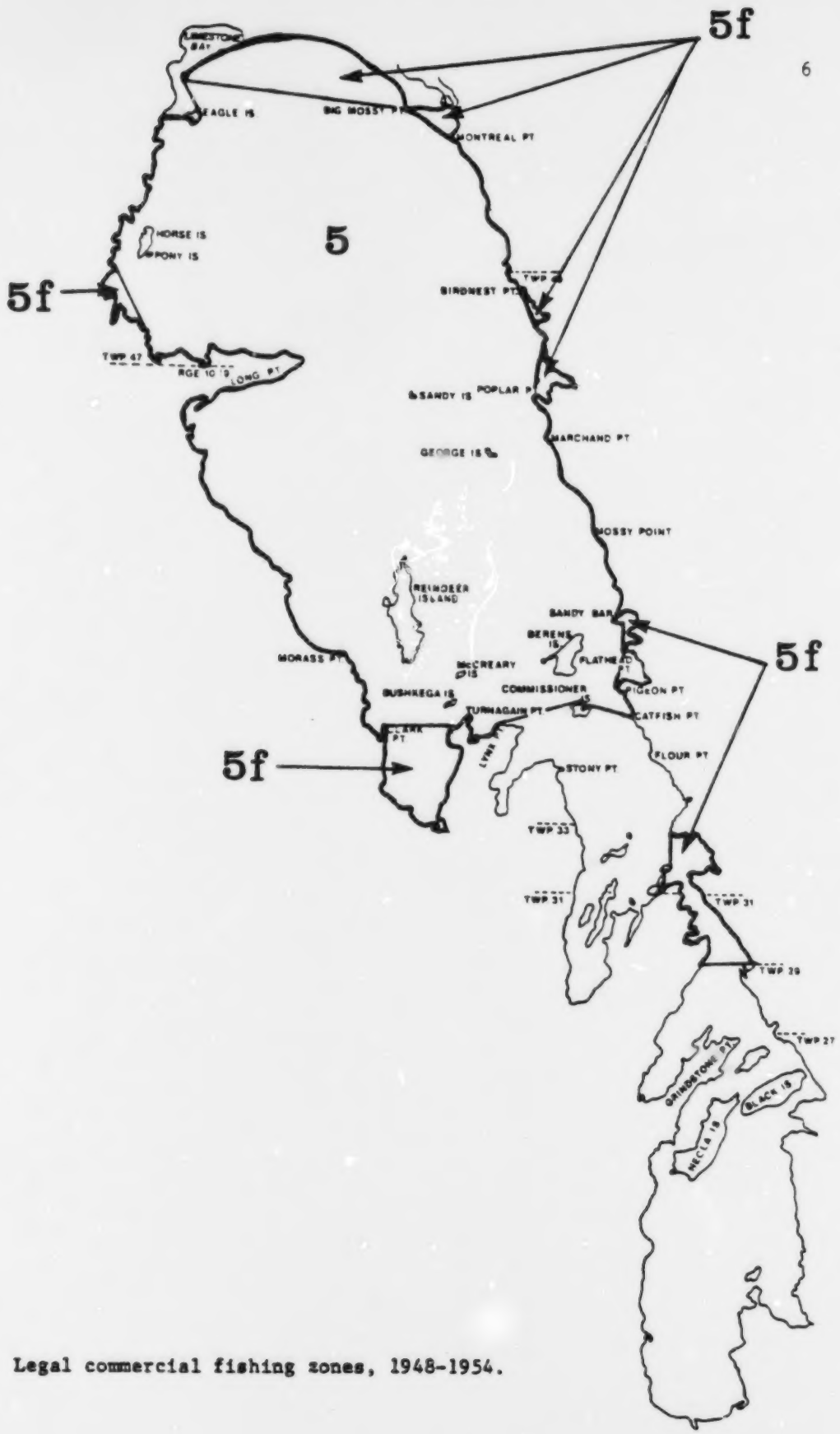

Fig. 3. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1948-1954.

Table 4. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1955.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
			Section 4				
SOR/54-365 Aug./54 P.C. 1954-1201	1st. Mon. in June-last Sat. in July	North-end	#3	Whites	3,000,000 whites 150,000 walleye	5¼"-5½"	5000 yd. Max. 150 licences of which max. 25 are Joint Joint-24,000 lb. whites 1,000 lb. walleye Full- 19,400 lb. whites 1,000 lb. walleye
	1st. Mon. in June-July 10	Pickerel pockets	#8(a)to (e)	Walleye & whites	2,500 lb. walleye & whites	4¼"-4½"	500 yd.
	1st. Mon. in June-July 10	Channel	8(f)	Walleye & whites	2,500 lb. walleye & whites	4¼"-4½"	500 yd.
	as whites	South Basin	#9	Walleye	-	4¼"-4½" 5¼"-5½"	1500 yd.
	July 1-Aug. 31	" "	#10			3"-3¼"	500 yd. Summer Resort Licence

Fig. 4. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1955.

Table 5. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1956.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
			Section 4				
SOR/56-186 June 13/56 P.C. 1956-831	June 1- Aug. 9	North-end	#3	Whitefish	3,000,000 whites	5"-5½"	Max. 150 licences of which " 25 licences are Joint 5000 yd. 23,000 lb. whites 5,000 lb. walleye
	June 1- July 10	Pickerel pockets	#3(a) #8(a) to (e)		2,500 lb. whites & walleye	4½"-4½"	1200 yd. ON PICKEREL GNDS. WITHIN ONE MILE OF SHORE
	June 1- July 10	south of Commissioner	#9	Walleye	-	3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd.
	July 1- Aug. 31	south of Commissioner	#10			3"-3½"	500 yd. Summer Resort Licence

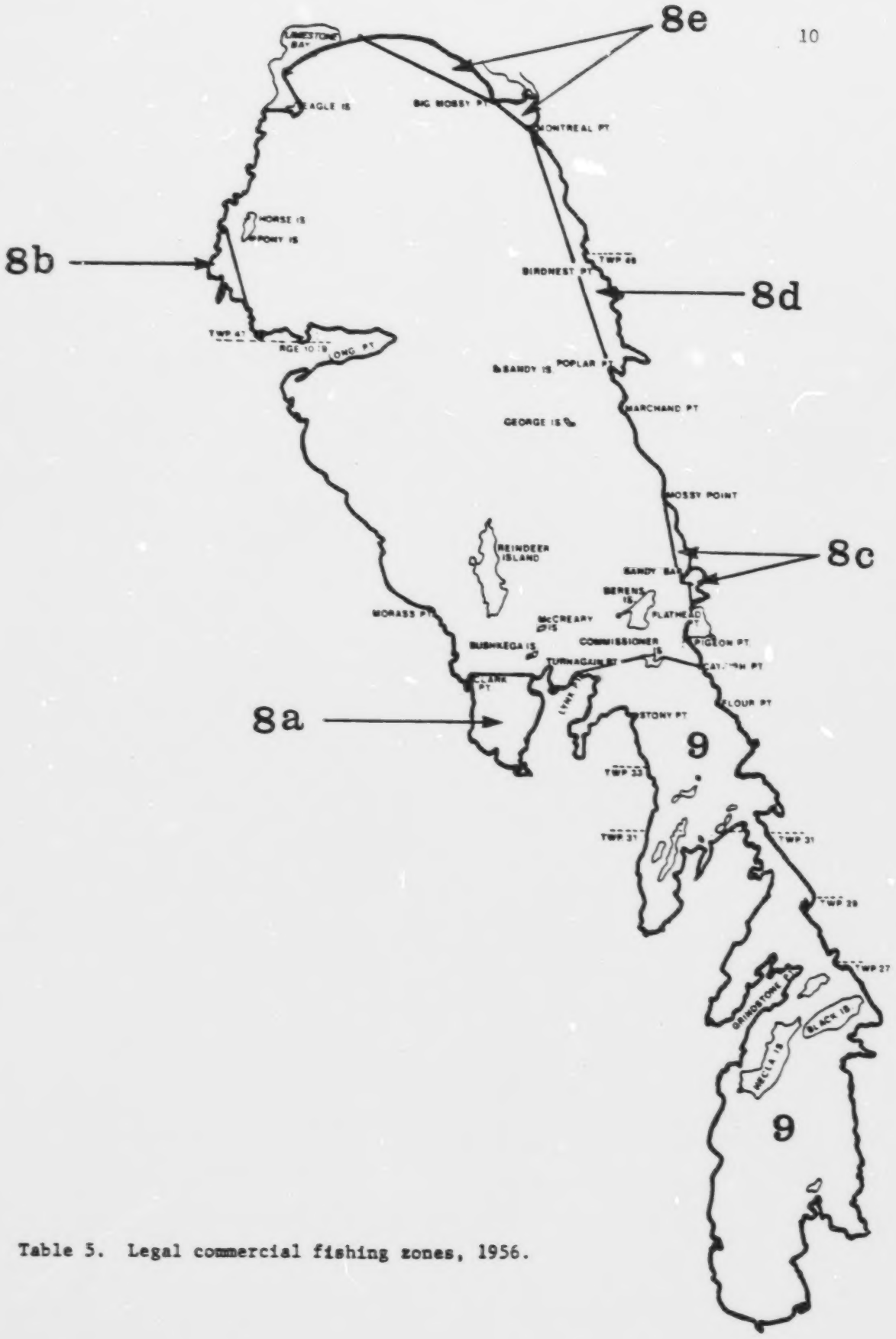

Table 5. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1956.

Table 6. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1957-1958.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
			Section 4				
			#1				Commercial Fishing Prohibited within 1 mile of shore
SOR/57-235 July 10 P.C. 1957-859	June 1-Aug. 9	North-end	#2	Whitefish	2,000,000	5"-5½"	5000 yd.
	June 1-July 10	Pickerel Grounds	#3	Walleye		4½"-4½"	2000 yd. ON PICKEREL GNDS.
	as above	as above	#4	"		"	1000 yd. SKIFF FISHERY Berens, B. R., Poplar, Norway House, & Grand Rapids
	" "	Sturgeon Bay	#5(a)	"		3 3/4"-4½"	1000 yd.
	" "	Limestone "	#5(b)	"		4½"-4½"	1000 yd. RESIDENTS OF G.R. & NORWAY HOUSE
	" "	Channel & South-end	#6	"		3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd.
	July 1-Aug 31	as #6	#7			3"-3½"	500 yd. SUMMER RESORT FISHERY
SOR/58-183 May 15/58 P.C. 1958-692			#2(a)				Max 100 licences
			#3(a)			4½"-4½"	1000 yd.

WHITEFISH FISHING PROHIBITED WITHIN ONE MILE OF SHORE IN PICKEREL POCKETS (#3)
WALLEYE " RESTRICTED TO " " " " "
FISHING PROHIBITED IN LIMESTONE BAY

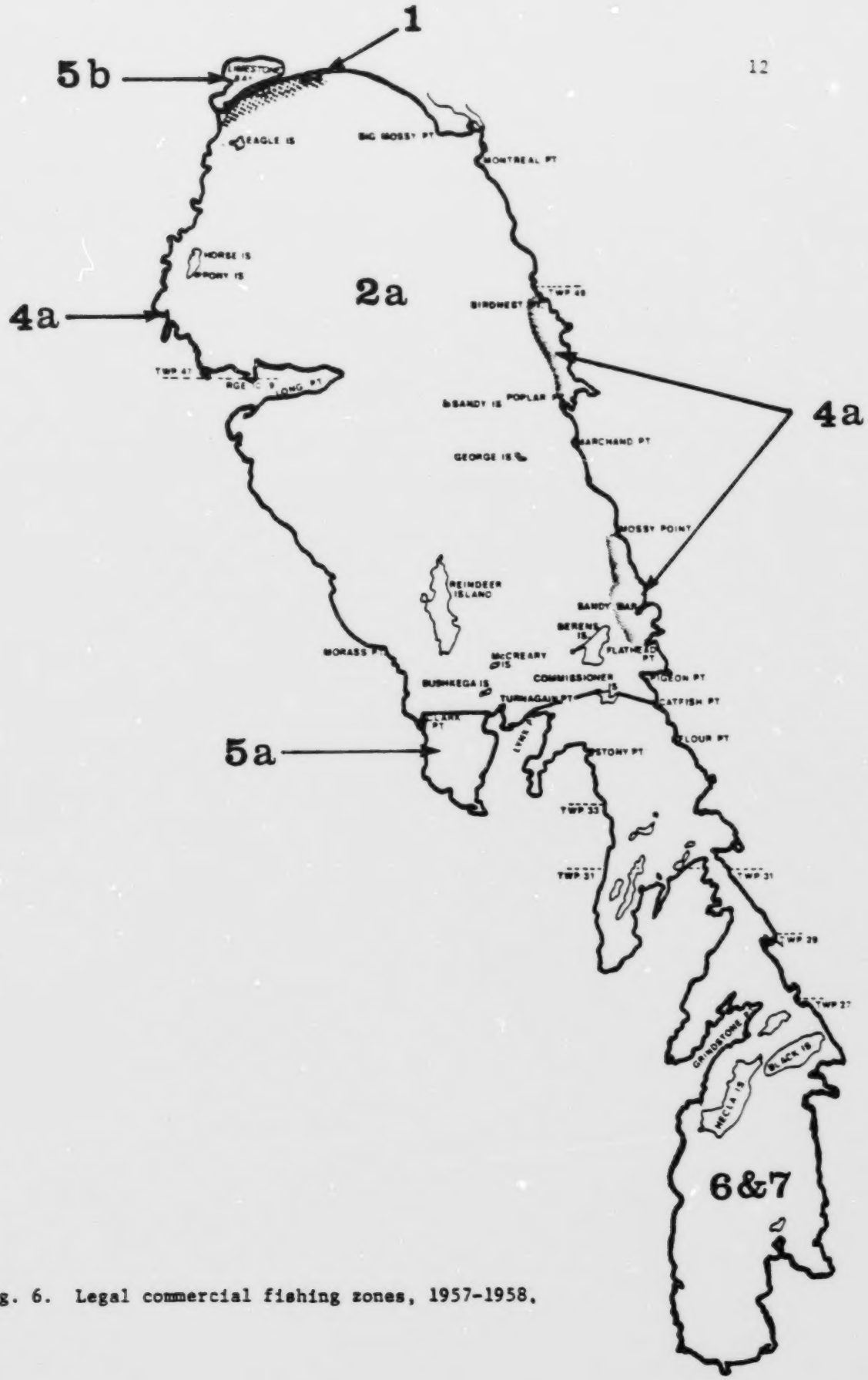

Fig. 6. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1957-1958.

Table 7. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1959.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/59-204 June 18/59 P.C. 1959-763			#3				Max 87 licences
		Sturgeon Bay	#6				Fishing Prohibited
		South Basin	#9			3"-3¼"	500 yd. SOUTH BOUNDARY CHANGE Summer Resort Fishery
		Grand Rapids	4(a)			4¼"-4½"	Fishing permitted within 1 mile of shore
		Black River	4(b)			" - "	" " " "
		Berens River	4(c)			" - "	" " " "

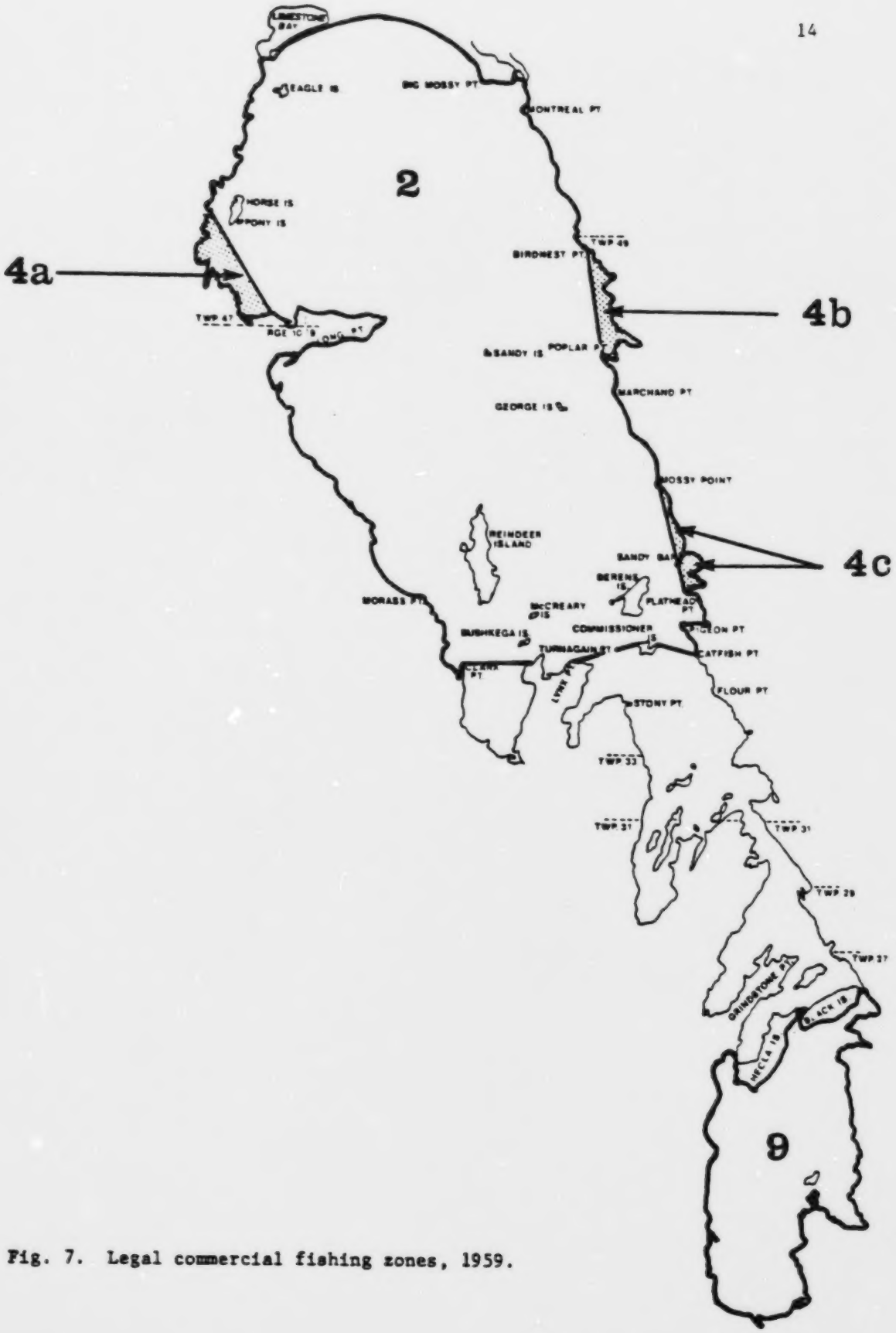

Fig. 7. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1959.

Table 8. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1960.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/60-245 June 2/60 P.C. 1960-746	June 1-Aug 8	North-end (Excludes Pickerel Pockets)	#2	Whitefish	2,000,000	5"-5¼"	8000 yd.
			#3				Max 87 licences
	June 1-July 10	Pickerel Pockets	#4	Whites,			
		Grand Rapids	(a)	Walleye, &	200,000	Trap-net	(5a) (a) whites min. size 15"
		Black River	(b)	Sauger	"		(b) walleye " " 14"
		Berens River	(c)		"		(c) sauger " " 10"
		Sturgeon Bay	(d)		150,000	" "	Minimum sizes as above
		Channel & North-Channel	#7				FISHING PROHIBITED
	July 1-Aug 31	South Basin	#9			3"-3½"	500 yd. MAX. 50 licences

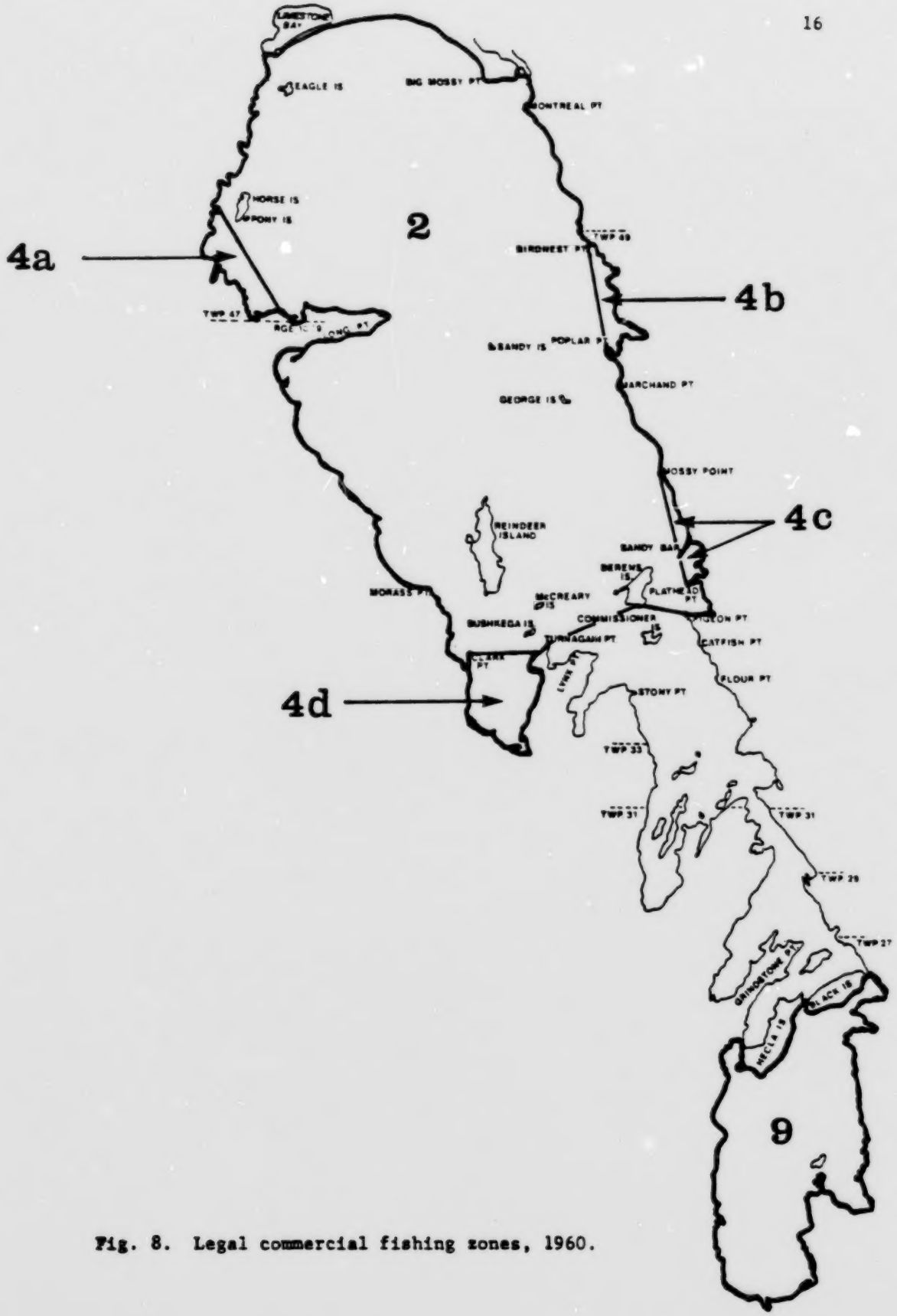

Fig. 8. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1960.

Table 9. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1961.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/61-187 May 4/61	June 1-Aug 8	North-end (includes Sturgeon Bay)	#2	Whites	2,000,000	5"-5¼"	8000 yd. Each licensee may retain 1,000 lb. walleye & sauger MAX 87 licences
	as above	" "	#4	Whites, walleye, & Sauger	1,000,000 ea.	TRAP-NET	MINIMUM SIZES Whites - 15" Walleye - 14" Sauger - 11" (an increase)
	July 1-Aug 31	South Basin	#9			3"-3¼"	500 yd. MAX 50 licences SUMMER RESORT LICENCE

Fig. 9. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1961.

Table 10. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1962.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/62-212 June 12/62 P.C. 823	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	#2	Whites	2,000,000	5"-5¼"	8000 yd. Each licensee may retain 2,500 lb. Walleye & Sauger
	June 10-Aug 8	" "	#4	Whitefish, Walleye, & Sauger	1,000,000	TRAP-NETS	Minimum sizes as 1961
			#7	as above		as above	TRAP NETS PROHIBITED
	June 1-July 15	Sturgeon Bay Grand Rapids Berens River Black River Channel	#10A (a)(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	Whitefish & Walleye		5"-5¼"	1500 yd. Skiff fishery
	July 1-Aug 31	South Basin	#9			3"-3¼"	500 yd. MAX 50 Licences SUMMER RESORT LICENCE
SOR/63-138 P.C. 607 April 18/63	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	#2	Whitefish	2,000,000	5"-5¼"	8000 yd. Each licensee may retain all Walleye & Sauger caught while fishing for Whitefish
SOR/64-201 P.C. 780 May 28/64	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	#2	Whitefish	2,000,000	5"-5¼"	8000 yd.
	as above	" "	#4	Whites, walleye, & sauger	1,000,000	TRAP-NETS	Minimum sizes as 1961
		Gull Bay	#7				Fishing Prohibited
	June 1-July 15	Berens River Channel	#10A(a) (iii) (v)				AREA CHANGE " "

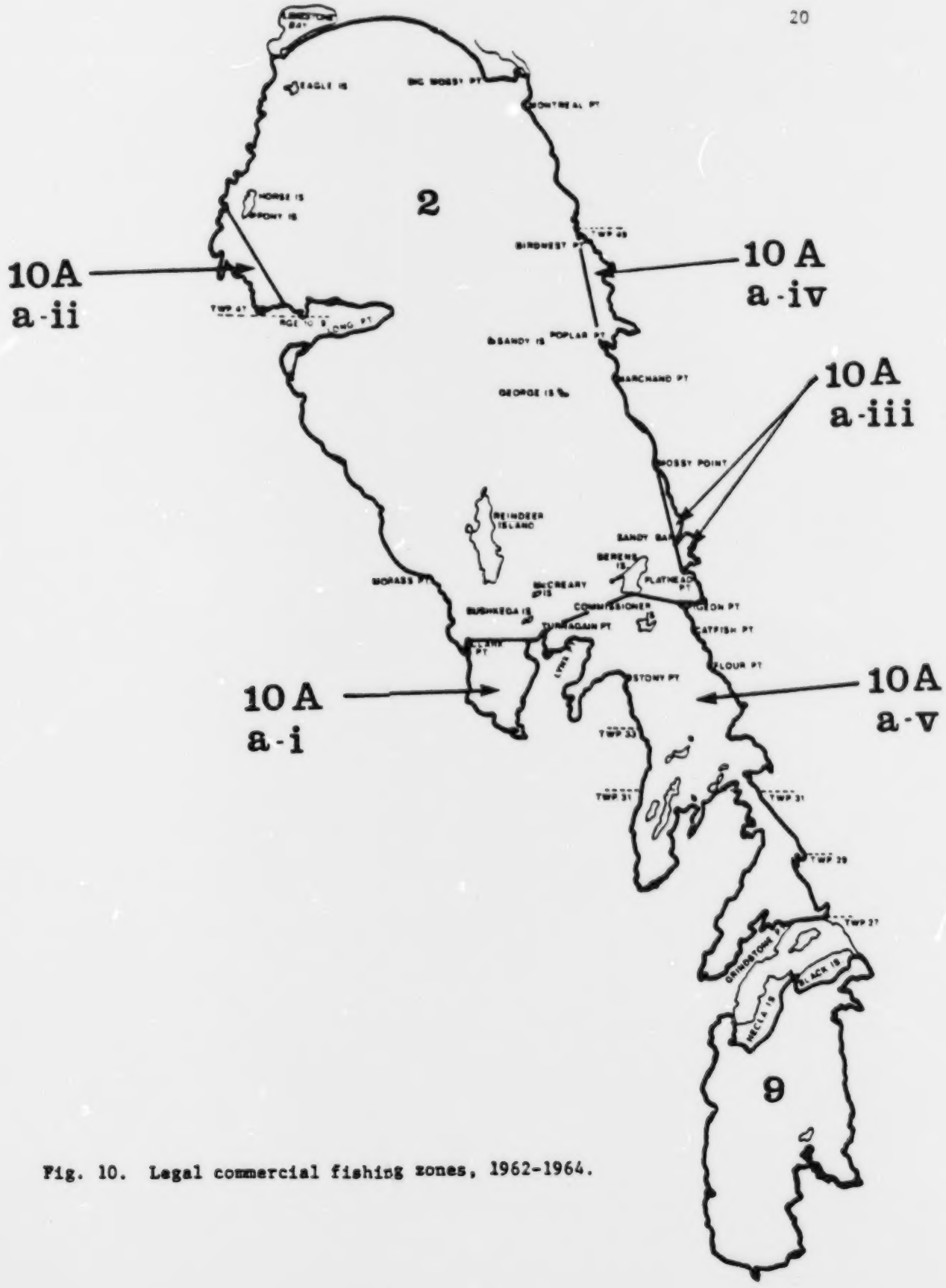

Fig. 10. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1962-1964.

Table 11. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1965-closure.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/65-285 July 14/65	June 1-July 15	Sturgeon Bay	#10A	Whitefish & Walleye		5"-5¼"	1500 yd. Skiff licence MAX 35
	" "	Grand Rapids	#10B			"- "	MAX 75
	June 10-July 10	Berens River	(10C)	Walleye & Sauger		3 3/4"-4¼"	" " " " MAX 65 licences
	as above	Black River Poplar "	(10D)	as above		4¼"-4½"	" " " " MAX 50
	June 1-June 30	Channel	(10E)	" "		3"-4¼"	1500 yd. Skiff licence MAX 80 licences
SOR/67-60 P.C. 136 Jan 26/67	June 1-July 10	Berens River	(10C)	" "		3 3/4"-4¼"	1500 yd. Skiff licence MAX 65 licences
	as above	Black River Poplar River	(10D)	" "		4¼"-4½"	1500 yd. Skiff licence MAX 50 licences
SOR/67-88 P.C. 266 Feb. 16/67	" "	Sturgeon Bay	(10A)	Whitefish & walleye		4¼"-5¼"	1500 yd. Skiff licence MAX 35 licences
	June 10-July 15	Grand Rapids	(10B)	as above		" - "	1500 yd. Skiff licence MAX 75 licences
SOR/68-272 P.C. 1204	June 1-August 31	South Basin	(8)	Sauger		5"-5¼"	1000 yd. REPLACES SUMMER
						3"-4¼"	500 yd. RESORT LICENCE
							MAX 120 licences

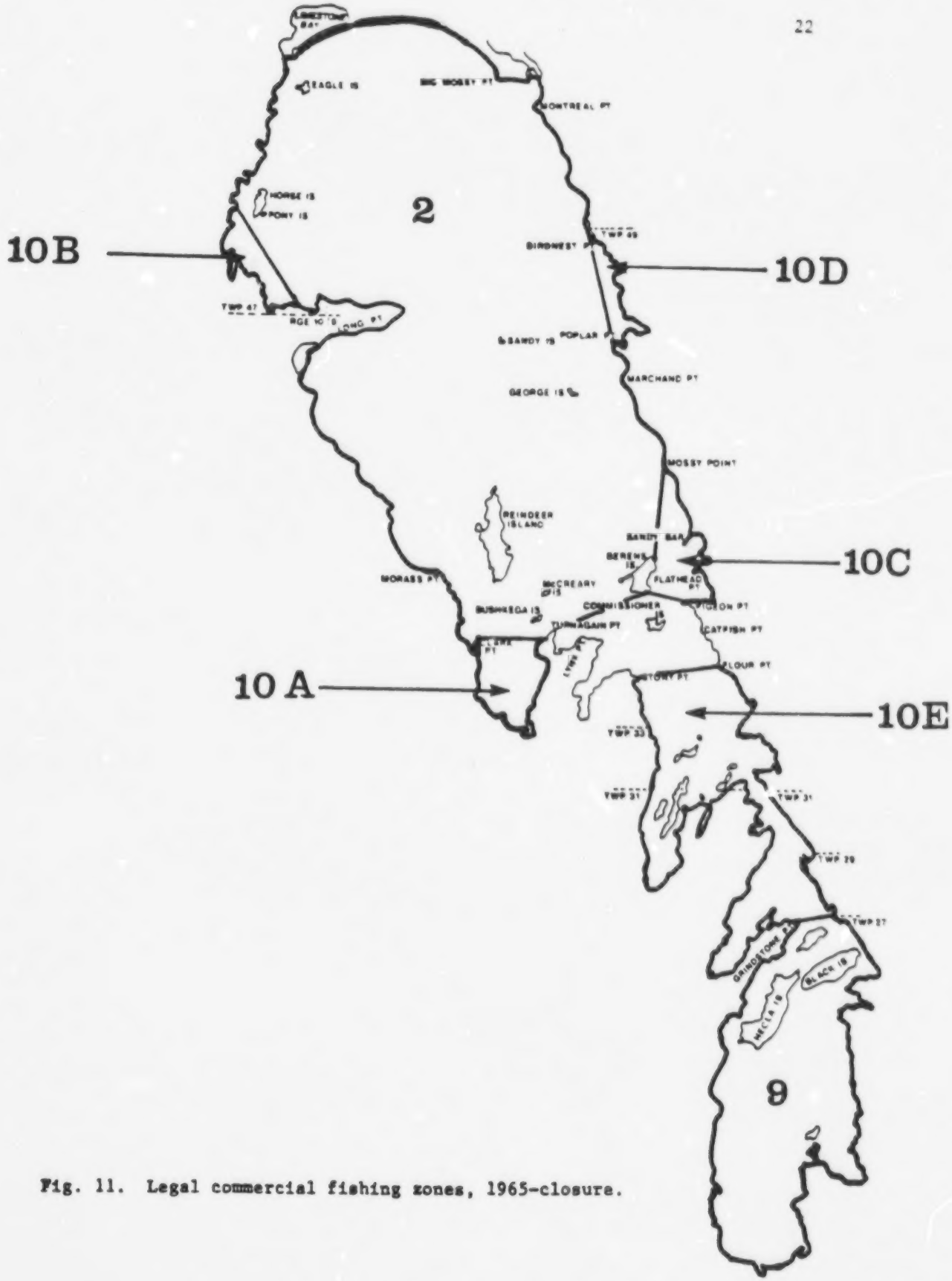

Fig. 11. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1965-closure.

Table 12. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1971.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/71-264 June 23/71	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	1(1) (2)	Whitefish "	750,000 500,000	5"-5½" TRAP-NETS	8000 yd.
				Walleye, & Sauger	agg.		
	as above	Sturgeon Bay	2(1)	Walleye & Whitefish		4½"-5½"	1500 yd.
	" "	Grand Rapids	3	as above		" - "	1500 yd.
	" "	Black River Poplar River	6	" "		" - "	1500 yd.
	" "	Berens River	8	Walleye & Sauger		3½"-4½"	1500 yd.
	June 1-July 15	Channel	9	as above		3"-4½"	1500 yd.
	June 1-Aug 31	South Basin	10	" "		3"-5½"	1500 yd.
C-71/1 71 06 24	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	1	whites	860,000 lb.	5"-5½"	8000 yd.

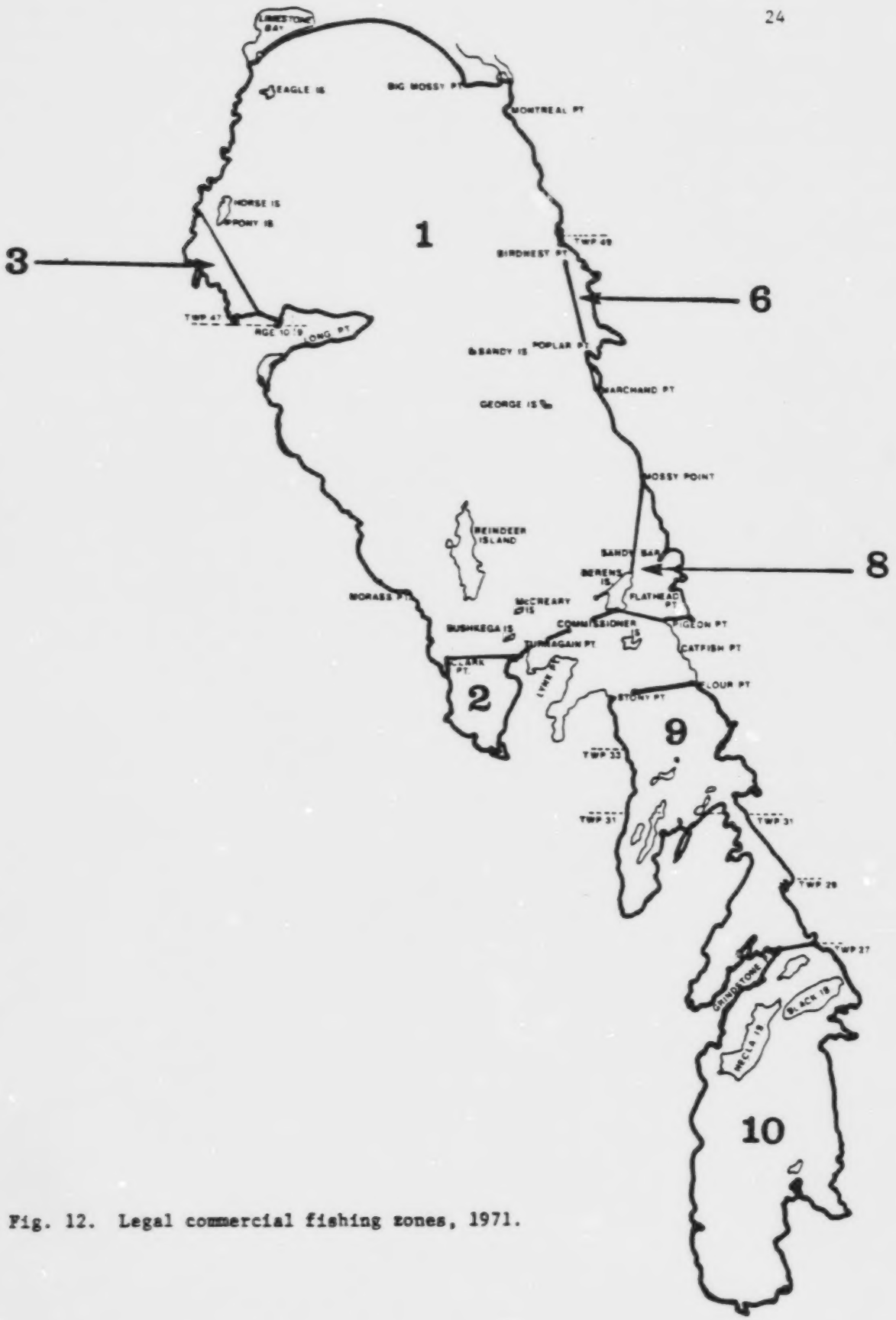

Fig. 12. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1971.

Table 13. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1972.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
C-72/3		North-end					MAX 44 licences
C-72-5	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	18(1)	Whitefish	880,000 lb. dressed	5"-5½"	8000 yd.
		" "	18(2)	Sauger & Walleye	176,000 lb. agg.	" - "	
	June 1-July 10	Sturgeon Bay	19	as above	80,000 lb. agg. walleye & sauger, & dsd. whites		
	as above	B.B.R.-POPLAR	20	as above	as above	" - "	1500 yd.
	" "	Berens River	21	" "	221,000 lb. agg. 428,000 agg.	3 3/4"4½"	1500 yd.
	" "	Channel	22	" "	428,000 agg.	3"-4½"	1500 yd.
	" "	South Basin	23	" "	350,000 "	3"-5½"	1500 yd.
	" "	Grand Rapids	24	" "	300,000 "	4½"-5½"	1500 yd.

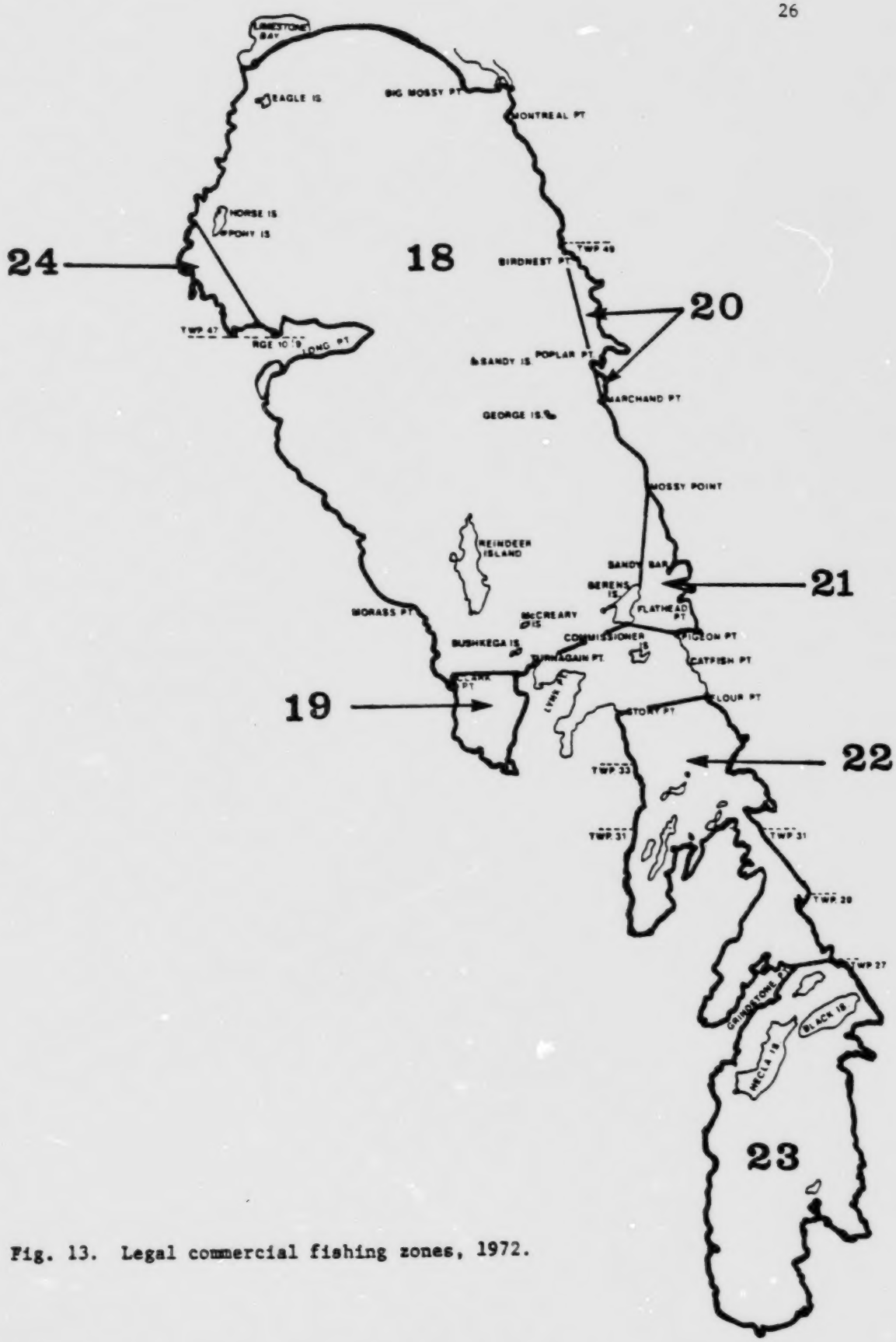

Fig. 13. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1972.

Table 14. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1973.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/73-382 P.C. 1962 July 10/73	June 1-July 10	Grand Rapids	1	Walleye, Sauger, & Whitefish	300,000 aggregate	4¼"-5¼"	1500 yd. Walleye and Sauger are headless dressed. Whites are heads-on dressed.
	as above	Poplar River	2	as above	80,000 lb.	4¼"-5¼"	1500 yd.
	as above	Berens River	3	as above	221,000	3 3/4"-5¼"	1500 yd.
	as above	Sturgeon Bay	4(1)	as above	80,000 agg.	4¼"-5¼"	1500 yd.
	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	5	as above	880,000 dsd whites 176,000 hdls-dsd Walleye & Sauger	5"-5½"	8000 yd.
	June 1-July 10	Channel	6	as above	no quota	3"-5½"	1500 yd.
	as above	South Basin	7	as above	no quota	3"-5½"	1500 yd.

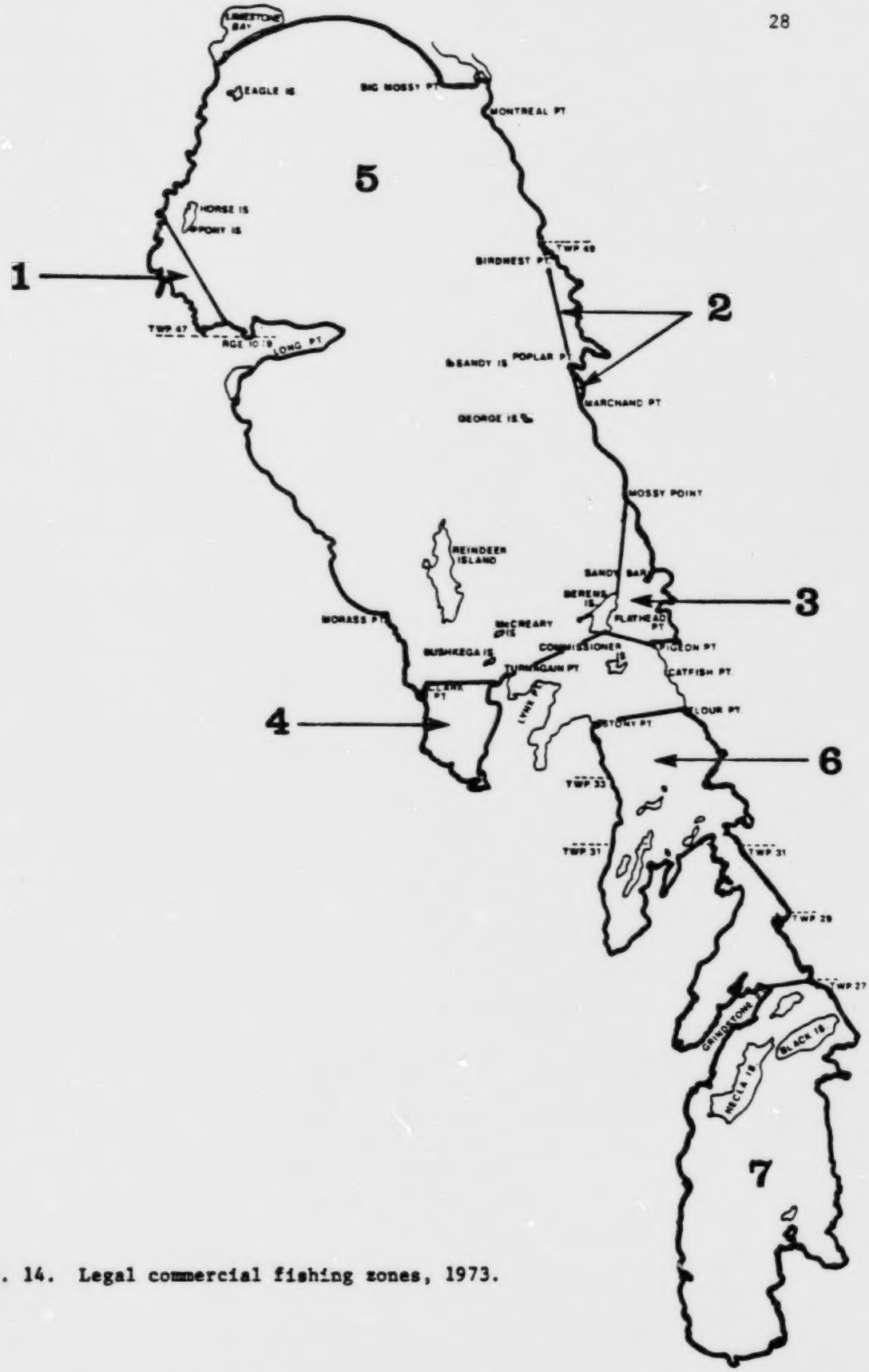

Fig. 14. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1973.

Table 15. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1974.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/73-382 C-73-8 Nov. 2/73	June 1-July 10	Grand Rapids & Gull Bay	1	Walleye, Sauger, & Whitefish	300,000 aggregate	4½"-5½"	1500 yd. AREA INCREASE North of Long Pt. remained the same-Gull Bay added
C-74-2 June 20/74	as above	as above Change in mid season	1	as above	as above	as above	1500 yd. Grand Rapids AREA INCREASED boundary same as C-73-8 until June 20 then extended to diagonal line.
no change	as above	Poplar River	2	as above	80,000	as above	1500 yd.
no change	as above	Berens River	3	as above	221,000	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd.
C-74-3 July 15/74	June 1-July 23	Sturgeon Bay	4(1)	as above	80,000	4½"-5½"	1500 yd. Season extended July 15/74
no change	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	5	as above	880,000 dad whites 176,000 hdls-dad Walleye & Sauger	5"-5½"	8000 yd.
C-74-1 May 22/74	June 1-July 10	Channel	6	as above	428,000 aggregate	3"-5½"	1500 yd. Area increased Quota introduced
as above	as above	South Basin	7	as above	350,000	3"-5½"	1500 yd. Quota introduced

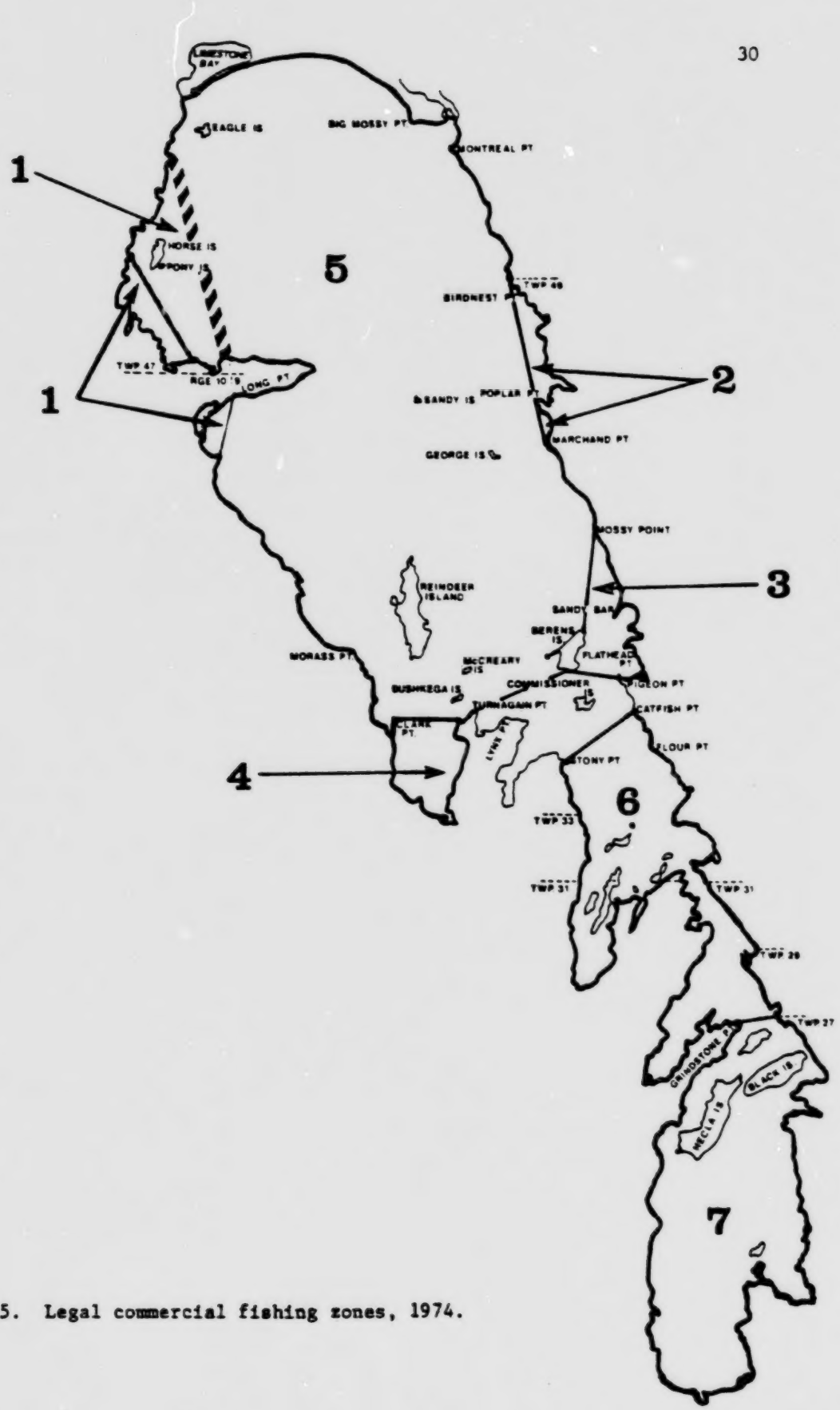

Fig. 15. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1974.

Table 16. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1975-1976.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
C-75 May 22/75 SOR/75-390	June 1- July 10	Grand Rapids & Gull Bay	1	Walleye, Sauger, & Whitefish	200,000 aggregate	4½"-5½"	1500 yd.	Area Increase Quota Decrease
no change	as above	Poplar River	2		80,000	as above	1500 yd.	
no change	as above	Berens River	3		221,000	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd.	
reverts back	as above	Sturgeon Bay	4(1)		80,000	4½"-5½"	1500 yd.	Season was extended for 1974 only
no change	June 1- Aug 8	North-end	5		880,000 dad-whites 176,000 hdls-dad walleye & sauger	5"-5½"	8000 yd.	
no change	June 1- July 10	Channel	6		428,000 aggregate	3"-5½"	1500 yd.	
" "	as above	South Basin	7		350,000	as above	1500 yd.	

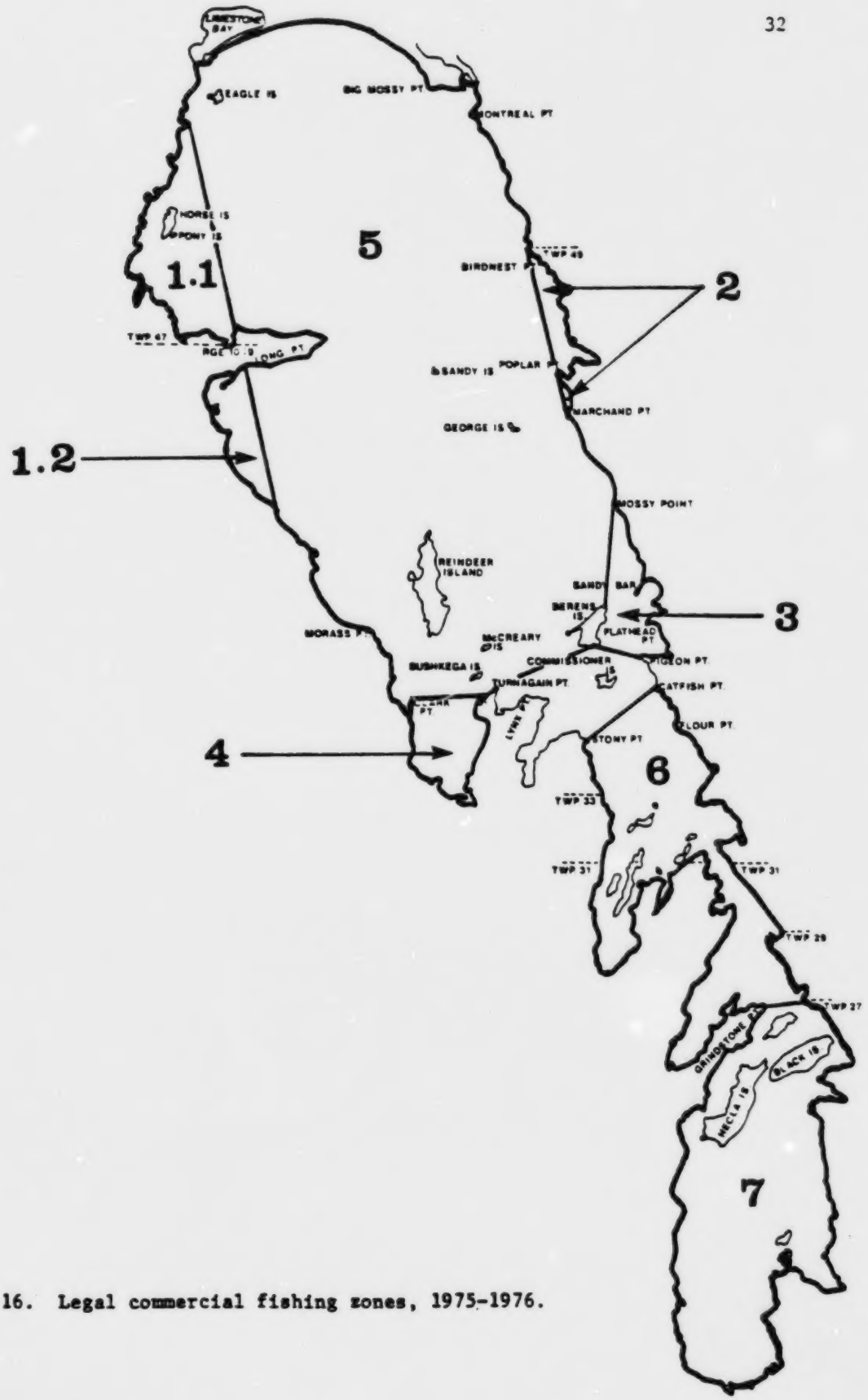

Fig. 16. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1975-1976.

Table 17. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1977.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/77-356	June 1-July 10	Grand Rapids	1(1)		235,000 Round	5"-5½"	1500 yd.
as above	as above	Gull Bay	1(2)		80,000	4½"-5½"	1500 yd.
as above	as above	Poplar River	2		112,000	as above	1500 yd.
as above	as above	Berens River	3		377,300 7,700 lb. per lic.	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd.
as above	as above	Sturgeon Bay	4(1)		117,500 4,350 lb. /licence	4½"-5½"	1500 yd.
as above	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	5		1,328,800 30,200 lic.	5"-5½"	8000 yd.
SOR/77-356	June 1-July 10	Channel	6(1)	Walleye, Sauger, & Whitefish	633,600 lb. 6600/lic.	3"-5½"	1500 yd.
as above	as above	North Channel	6(2)		included in Item 6(1)	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd.
as above	as above	South Basin	7		554,000	3"-5½"	1500 yd.

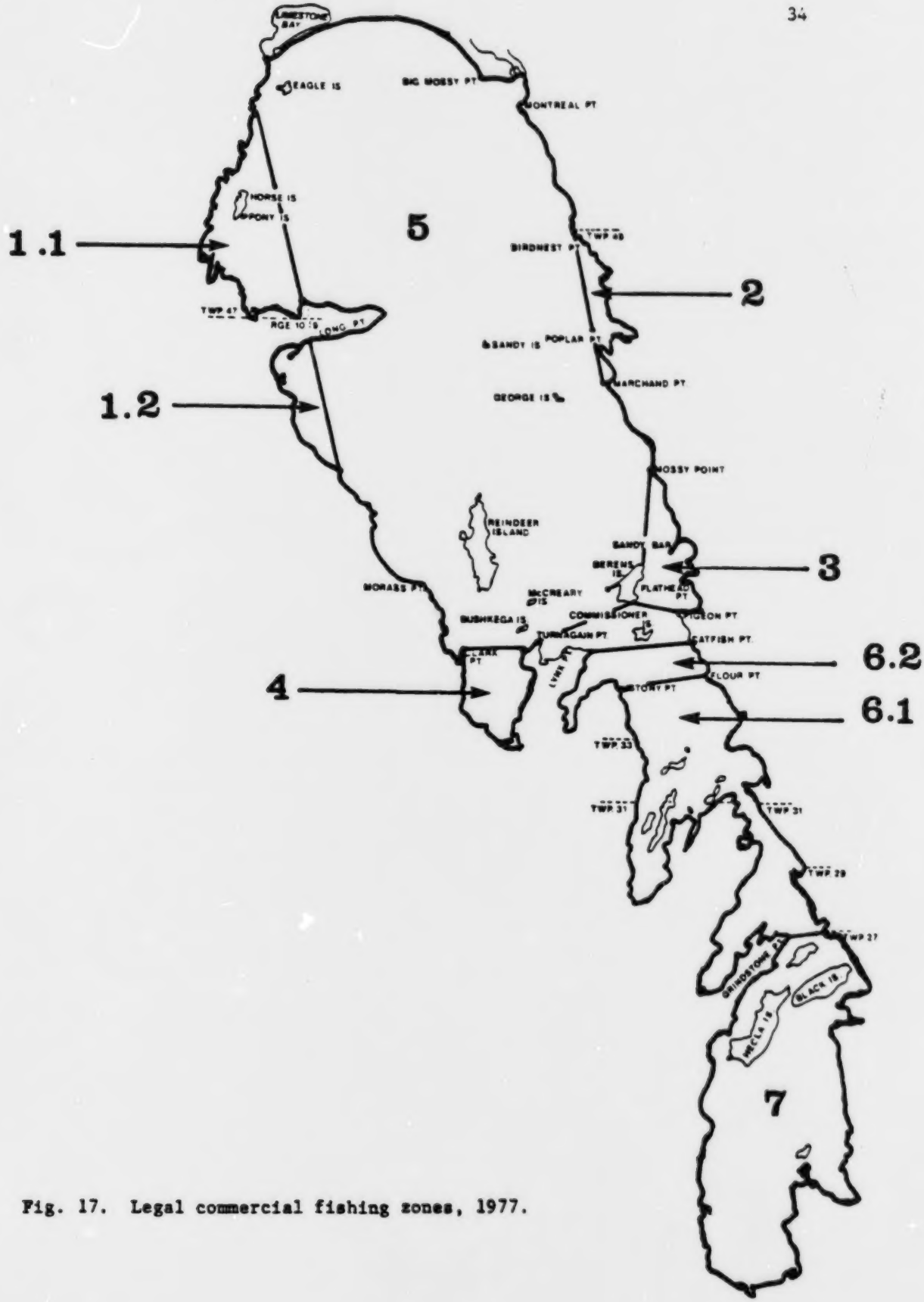

Fig. 17. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1977.

Table 18. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1978-1979.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
C/78-4	June 1-July 10	Grand Rapids	1(1)	Walleye, Sauger, & Whitefish	20,000 lb. agg./lic.	5"-5½"	1500 yd. Area B on regs. map
C/78-4	as above	Gull Bay	1(2)		as above	4½"-5½"	1500 yd. Area C on regs. map
Man. Gazette 78 06 03	as above	Poplar River	2		112,000	4½"-5½"	1500 yd. Area D on regs. map
C/78-3 78 05 31	as above	Berens River	3		432,000 lb. MAX 369,600 lb. walleye & sauger	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd. Area E on regs. map
as above	as above	Sturgeon Bay	4(1)		135,000 MAX 117,450 lb. walleye & sauger	4½"-5½"	1500 yd. Area F on regs. map
Man. Gazette 78 06 03	June 1-Aug 8	North-end	5		1,540,000	5"-5½"	8000 yd. Area G on regs. map
C/78-3 78 05 31	June 1-July 10	Channel	6(1)		768,000 lb. MAX 633,600 walleye & sauger	3"-5½"	1500 yd. Area H on regs. map
Man. Gazette 78 06 03	as above	North Channel	6(2)		included in 6(1)	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd. Area I on regs. map
C/78-3 78 05 31	as above	South Basin	7		680,000	3"-5½"	1500 yd. Area J on regs. map
C/79-4 79 07 10	June 1-July 27	Grand Rapids	1(1)		235,000	5"-5½"	1500 yd. Area B on regs. map
C/79-4 79 07 10	as above	Gull Bay	1(2)		80,000	4½"-5½"	1500 yd. Area C on regs. map

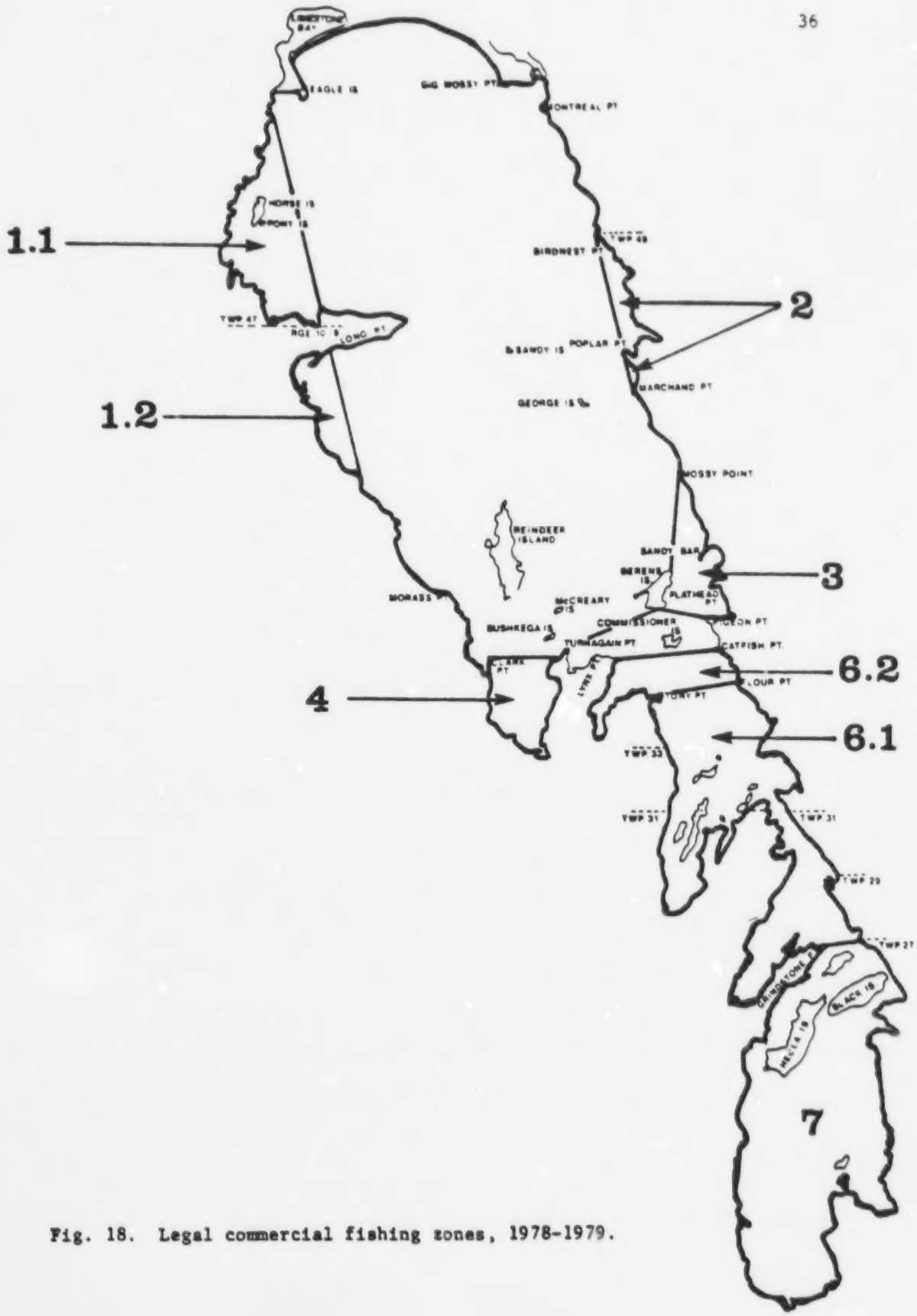

Fig. 18. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1978-1979.

Table 19. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1941.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
P.C. 3980 as amended to 41 11 05	1st. Mon in Sept.- last Sat. in October	Channel	7(a)	Walleye	-	4¼"-4½"	1500 yd. Skiff 5000 yd. Gas Boat
	1st. Mon. in Sept.- last Sat. in Sept.	South Basin	7(b)	Sauger	1,500,000	3 1/8"-3¼" 4¼"-4½"	750 yd. 750 yd. This mesh may be used to fish walleye after the last Sat. in Sept.- to the last Sat. in October. The 3 1/8"-3¼" mesh must be pulled in order to fish walleye on the sauger licence NOTE: No one may hold both a sauger and a walleye licence

Fig. 19. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1941.

Table 20. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1942-1944.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
P.C.-7928	42 09 03	1st. Mon. in Sept.- last Sat. in October	Channel	7(a)	Walleye	-	4¼-4½"	1500 yd. Skiff 5000 yd. Gas Boat RESTRICTION: No setting of nets within ½ mile of Commissioner Is.
P.C.-7170	43 09 15	1st. Mon. in Sept.- last Sat. in Sept.	South Channel	7(b)	Sauger	1,500,000	3"-3¼" 4¼"-4½"	750 yd. May fish for walleye 750 yd. This mesh may be used to fish walleye after the last Sat. in Sept.-to the last Sat. in October. The 3 1/8"-3¼" mesh must be pulled in order to fish walleye on the sauger licence. NOTE: No one may hold both a sauger and a walleye licence.
P.C.-6415	44 08 12	1st. Mon. in Sept.- last Sat. in Sept.	South Basin	7(b)	Sauger	1,000,000	3"-3¼" 4¼"-4½"	750 yd. October walleye 750 yd. fishing on sauger licence suspended

Fig. 20. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1942-1944.

Table 21. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1945-1948.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
P.C.-3983	45 06 05	1st. Mon. in Sept.-last Sat. in October	North Channel	7(a)	Walleye	-	4½"-4½"	1500 yd. Skiff licence 5000 yd. Vessel licence No fishing within ½ mile of Commissioner Is.
		as above	Channel	7(b)	Walleye	-	3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd. Skiff fishing licence 5000 yd. Fishing vessel licence
P.C.-5866	45 09 04	2nd. Mon. in Sept.-last Sat. in October	South Basin	7(d)	unspecified		3 3/4" Min.	1500 yd. AREA ADDED
SOR/47-906	P.C.-4625 47 11 12	Sept. 10-October 31	North Channel	7(a)	Walleye	-	4½"-4½"	1500 yd. Skiff 5000 yd. Fishing vessel Restricted as 1945
		as above	Channel	7(b)	Walleye	-	3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd. Skiff 5000 yd. Fishing vessel
		as above	South Basin	7(d)	unspecified	-	3 3/4" Min	1500 yd. Skiff

Fig. 21. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1945-1948.

Table 22. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1949.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/47-1023 P.C.-5354 47 12 31			4	Walleye			FISHING PROHIBITED IN FISHER BAY (area 7(b))
SOR/49-119 P.C.-1655 49 04 05			4	Walleye			Restricted Area (above) decreased

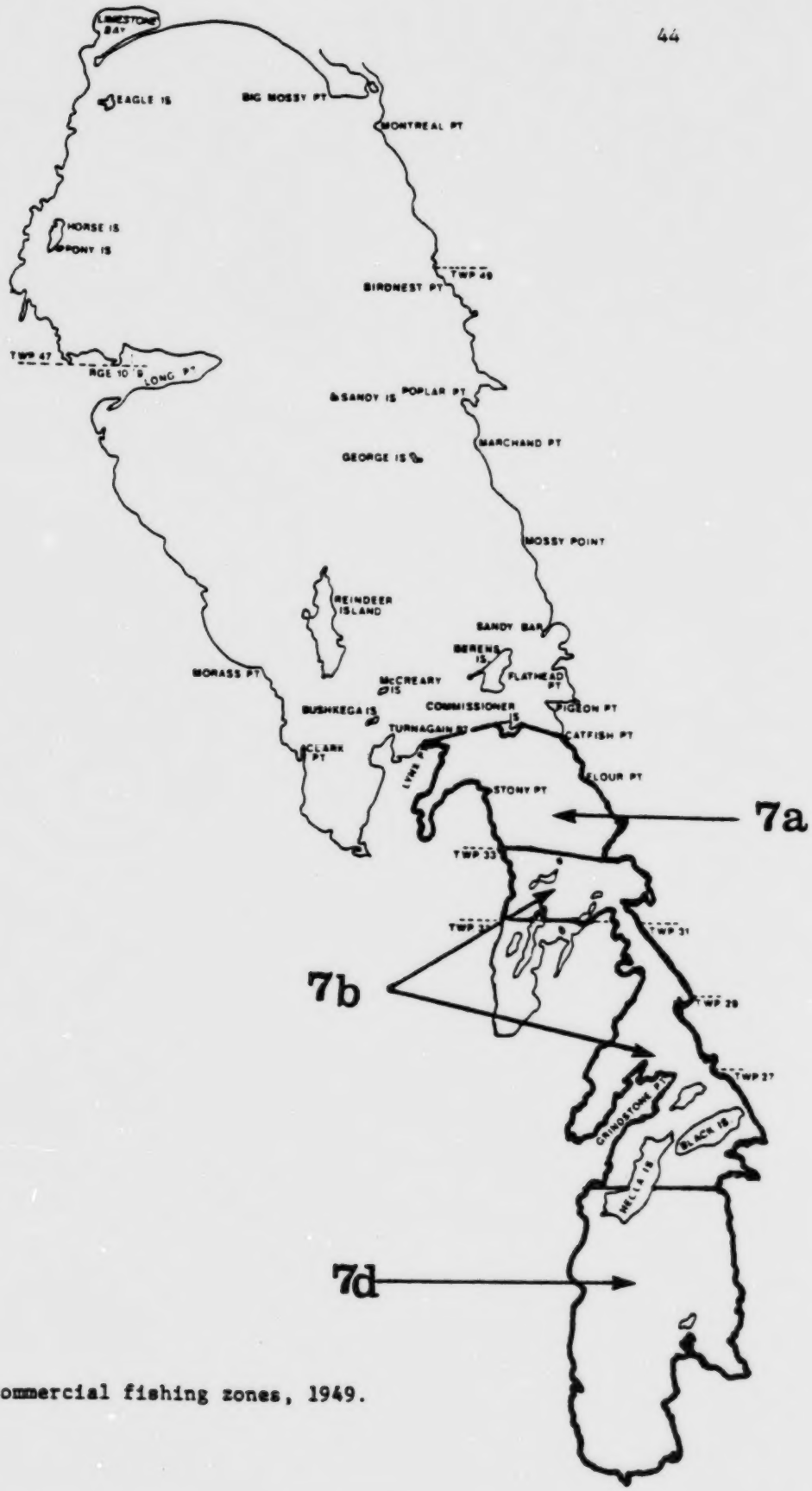

Fig. 22. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1949.

Table 23. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1950-1953.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
SOR/50-437 P.C.-4616 50 09 25	Sept. 10- October 31	North Channel	7(a)	Walleye	-	4¼"-4½"	1500 yd.	No restriction around Commissioner NORTHERN BOUNDARY CHANGED

Fig. 23. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1950-1953.

Table 24. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1954-1959.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/54-365 P.C. 1201	Sept. 10-Oct. 31	North Channel	11	Walleye	-	4¼"-4½"	1500 yd.
	as above	Channel & South Basin	12	Walleye	-	3 3/4"-4¼"	1500 yd. Skiff 5000 yd. Fishing vessel

Fig. 24. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1954-1959.

Table 25. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1960.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/60-245 P.C.-746 60 06 02	Sept. 1-Oct. 31	North-end	11	Walleye	-	3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd.
	as above	Channel & South Basin	12	Walleye & Sauger	-	3"-4½"	1500 yd.

Fig. 25. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1960.

Table 26. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1961-1963.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/61-187 P.C.-654 61 05 04	Sept. 1- Oct. 31	North Channel	11	Walleye	-	3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd.
	as above	Channel & South Basin	12	Walleye & Sauger	-	3"-4½"	1500 yd.

Fig. 26. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1961-1963.

Table 27. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1964-closure.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
SOR/64-201 P.C.-780 64 05 28	Sept. 1- Oct. 31	North Channel	11	Walleye	-	3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd.	AREA INCREASE
	as above	Channel & South Basin	12	Walleye & Sauger	-	3"-4½"	1500 yd.	

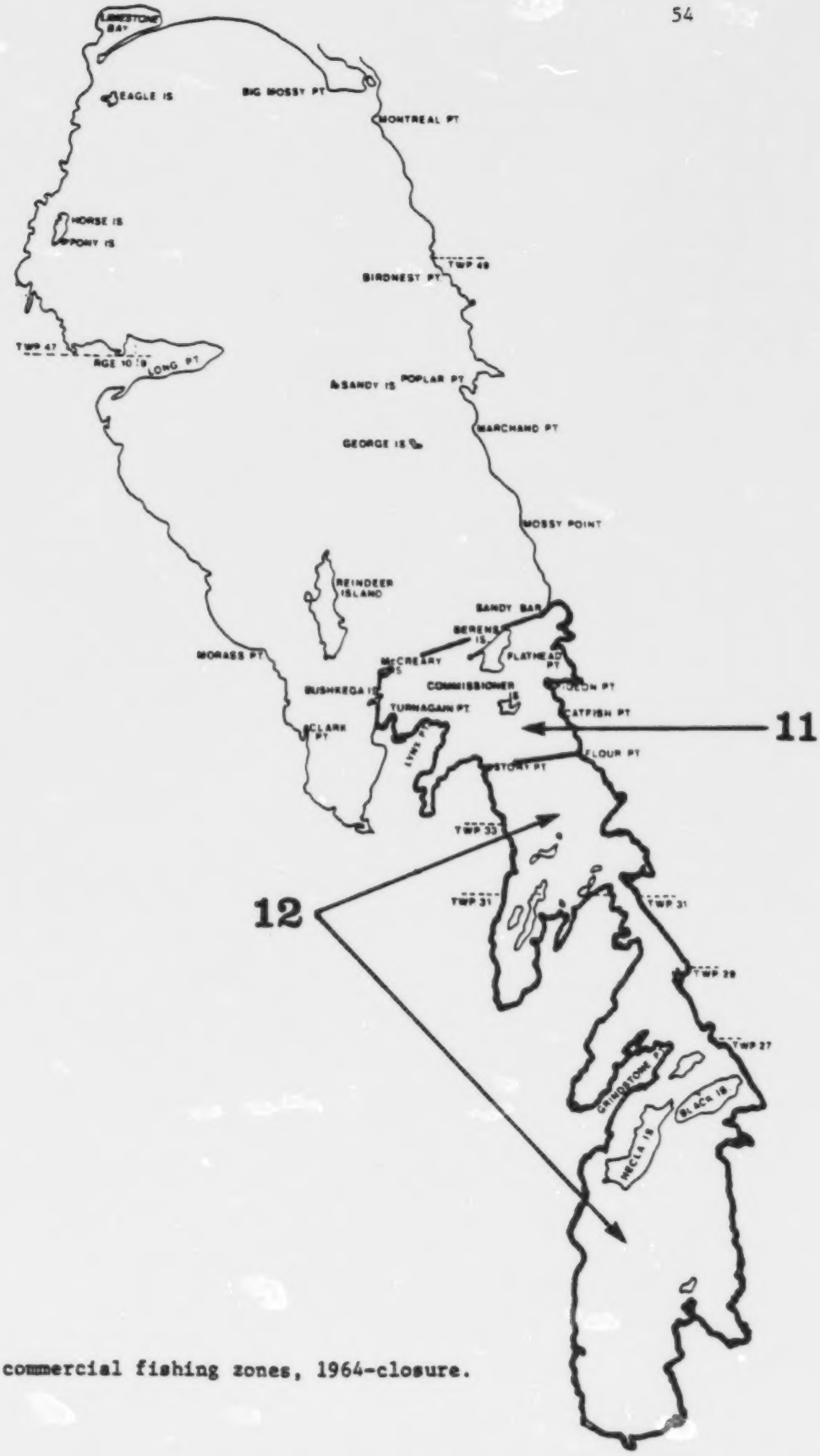

Fig. 27. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1964-closure.

Table 28. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1971-1972.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/71-264 71 06 23	Sept. 1- Oct. 31	North Channel	11	Walleye & Sauger	-	3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd.
	as above	Channel & South Basin	12	as above	-	3"-4½"	1500 yd.
C-72/6 72 08 24	Sept. 6- Oct. 31	North Channel	11	Walleye, Sauger, & Whitefish	3,000,000 incl. 12	3 3/4"-4½"	1500 yd.
	as above	Channel & South Basin	12	as above	included in 11	3"-4½"	1500 yd.

Fig. 28. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1971-1972.

Table 29. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1973.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
C/73-2	73 08 10	56 day season beginning the day following Labour Day	North Channel	8	Walleye, Sauger & Whitefish	3,000,000 incl. 9	3 3/4"-5¼"	1500 yd.	Walleye and Sauger are headless dressed Whitefish are dressed
		as above	Channel & South Basin	9		included in 8	3"-5¼"	1500 yd.	

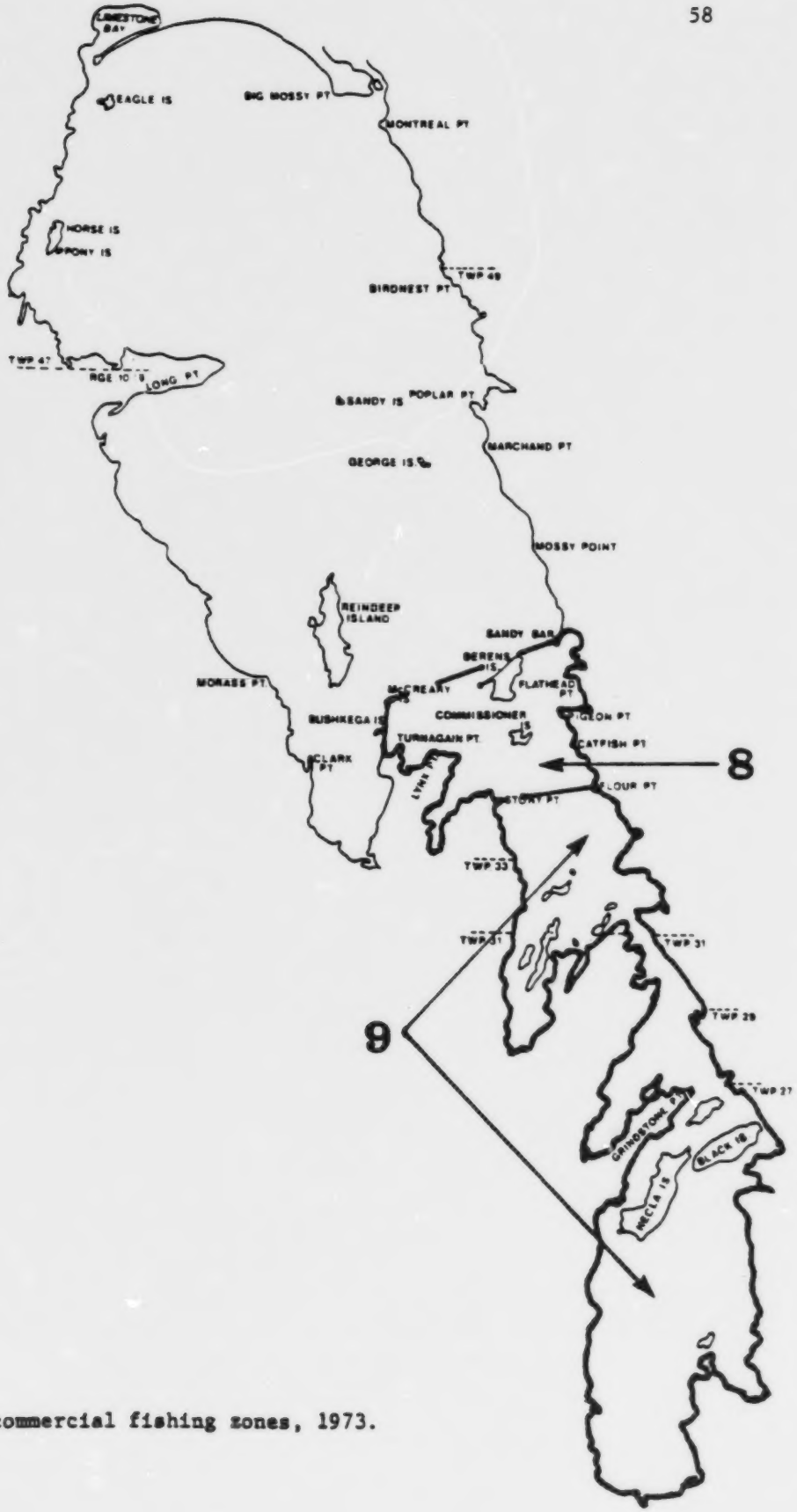

Fig. 29. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1973.

Table 30. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1974 to 1976.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
C-74/6	74 09 24	56 day season beginning the day following Labour Day	North Channel	8		3,000,000 incl. 9	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd. AREA INCREASE

Fig. 30. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1974-1976.

Table 31. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1977.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR.77-356	Sept. 1-Oct. 26	North Channel	8		1,142,400 8,400 lb. indiv.	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd. QUOTA (ROUND WT)
	as above	Channel & South Basin	9(1)		1,974,000 8,400 lb. indiv.	3"-5½"	1500 yd.
	as above	Channel	9(2)		1,478,400 8,400 lb. indiv.	3"-5½"	1500 yd.
C-77/3 77 10 26	Sept. 1-Oct. 31		8,9(1), 69(2)				SEASON EXTENDED (1977 only)

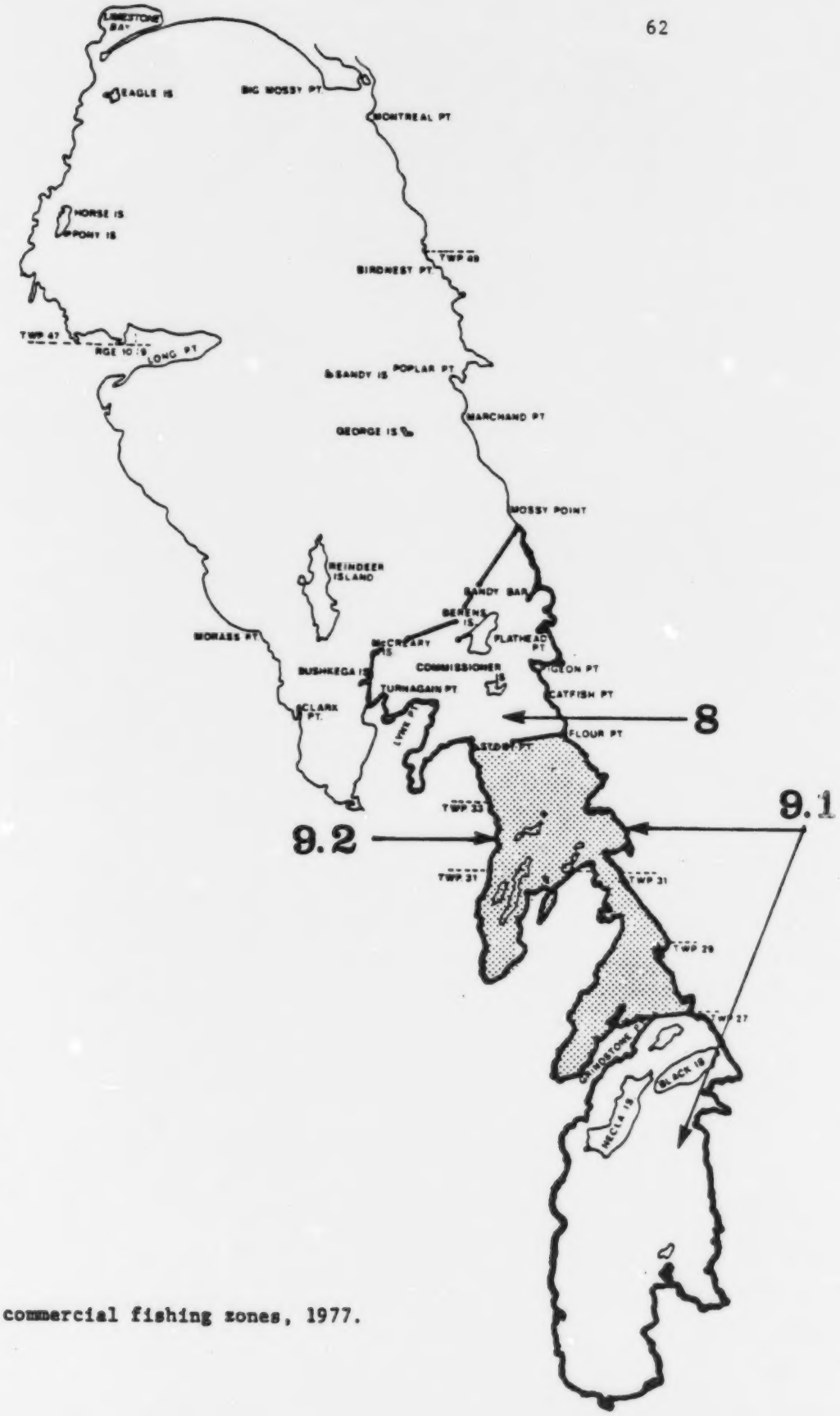

Fig. 31. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1977.

Table 32. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1978.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
Man. Gazette 78 06 03	day following Labour Day to Oct. 30	North Channel	8		as 1977 w/o indiv.	3 3/4"-5½"	1500 yd.
	as above	South Basin	9(1)		as 1977 w/o indiv.	3"-5½"	1500 yd. AREA CHANGE
	as above	Channel	9(2)		as 1977	3"-5½"	1500 yd.

Fig. 32. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1978.

Table 33. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1941.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
P.C. 3980 amended to 41 11 05	Jan. 1- 2nd Sat. in March	Grand Rapids	12	Whitefish	40,000 lb.	5¼"-5½"	1000 yd.	
	Jan. 1-March 7	Reindeer Is.	13	Whitefish	400,000 lb.	as above	1500 yd.	
	first ice after Nov. 10- 2nd Sat. in March	Channel & South Basin	8	Whitefish	-	as above	2000 yd.	Total area
	as above	as above	9	Walleye	-	4¼"-4½"	2000 yd.	Total area
	Jan. 1- 2nd Sat. in March	Sturgeon Bay	9	Walleye	-	4¼"-4½"	2000 yd.	
	as #8	Channel & South Basin excl. Fisher & Washow Bays	11	Sauger	-	3 1/8"-3¼"	2000 yd.	Total area minus shaded area

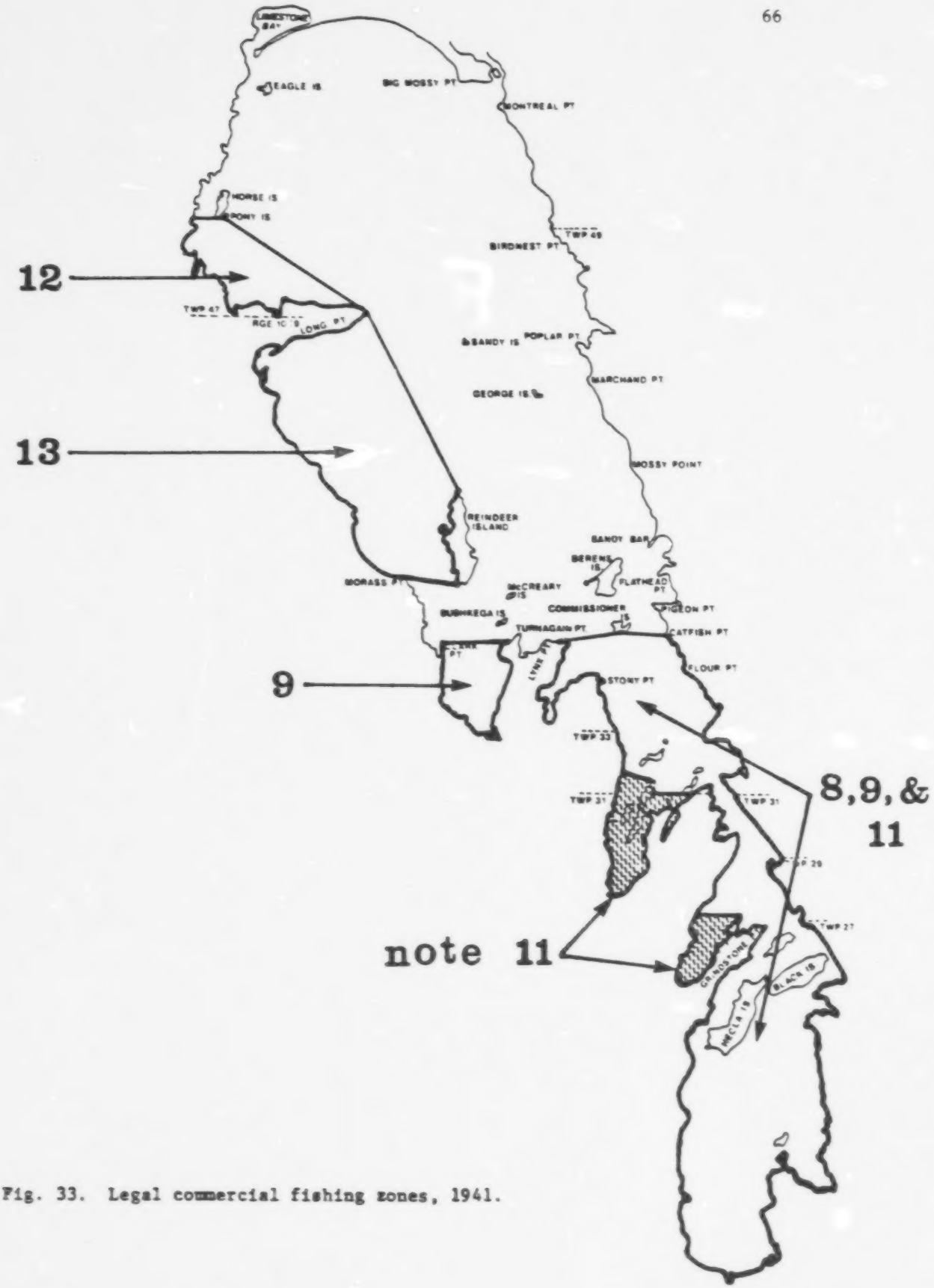

Fig. 33. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1941.

Table 34. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1942-1948.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
P.C. 7928 42 09 05	first ice after Nov. 10- 2nd Sat. in March	Channel & South Basin excl. Fisher Bay	11	Sauger	-	3"-3¼"	2000 yd. AREA INCREASE MESH DECREASE Total area excluding shaded area
P.C. 10957 42 12 09	Jan. 1-2nd Sat. in March	Grand Rapids	12	Whitefish	80,000 lb.	5¼"-5½"	1000 yd. QUOTA INCREASE
as above	as item 12	Reindeer Is.	13	Whitefish	400,000 lb.	5¼"-5½"	1500 yd. MAX 65 licences Season change
P.C. 3983 45 06 05	Jan. 1-2nd Sat in March	Grand Rapids	12	Whitefish	175,000 lb. whites & walleye	5¼"-5½"	1500 yd. Yards Increase quota change

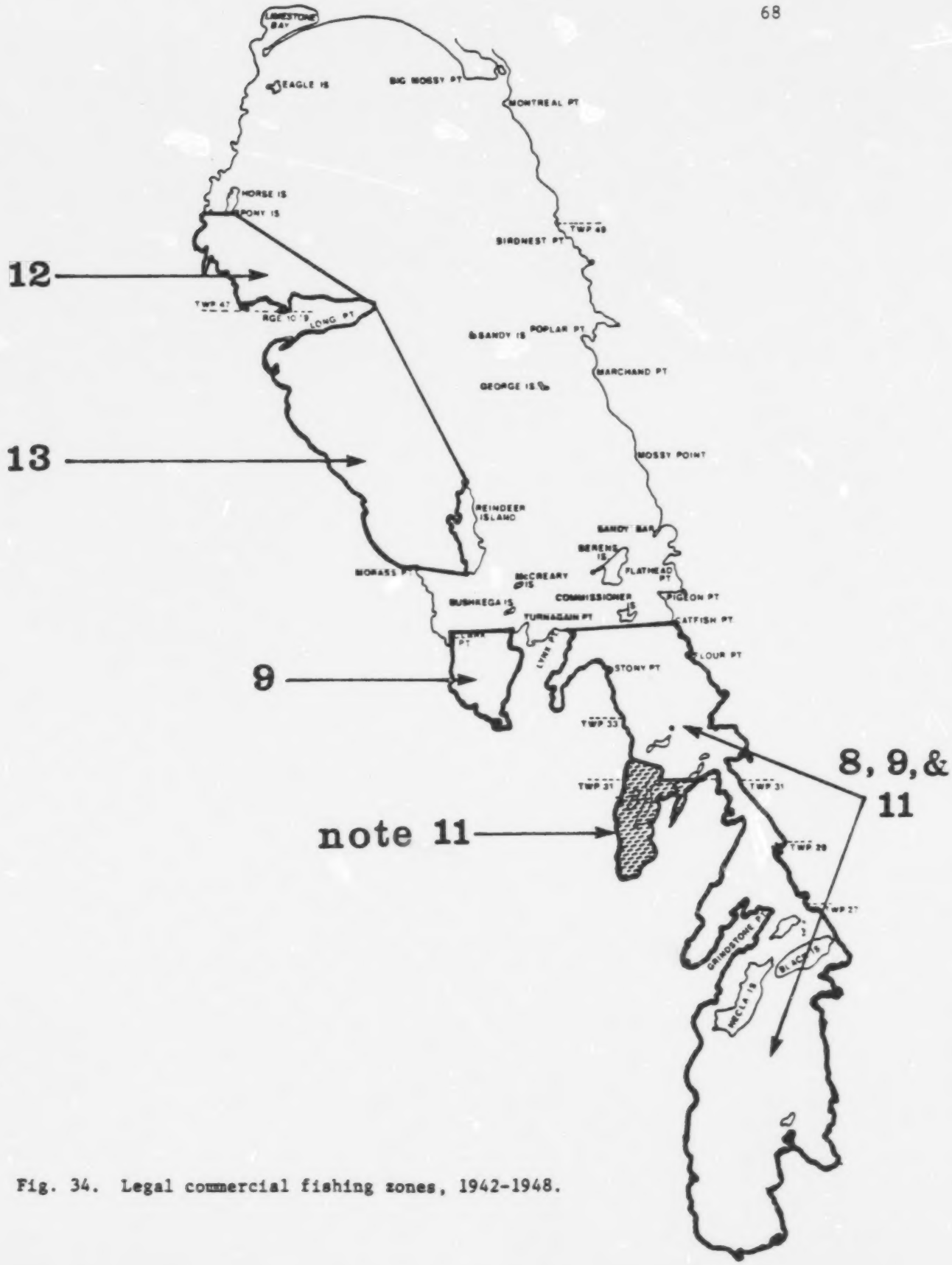

Fig. 34. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1942-1948.

Table 35. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1949-53.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/49-119 49 04 05 P.C. 1655	Jan. 1-2nd Sat in March	Grand Rapids	12	Whitefish	40,000 lb.	5¼"-5½"	2000 yd. Yardage Increase
as above	as above	Reindeer Is.	13	Whitefish	400,000 lb.	5¼"-5½"	2000 yd. MAX 65 licences Yardage Increase
	as above	Channel & South Basin excl. Fisher Bay	11	Sauger	-	3"-3¼"	2000 yd. AREA INCREASE

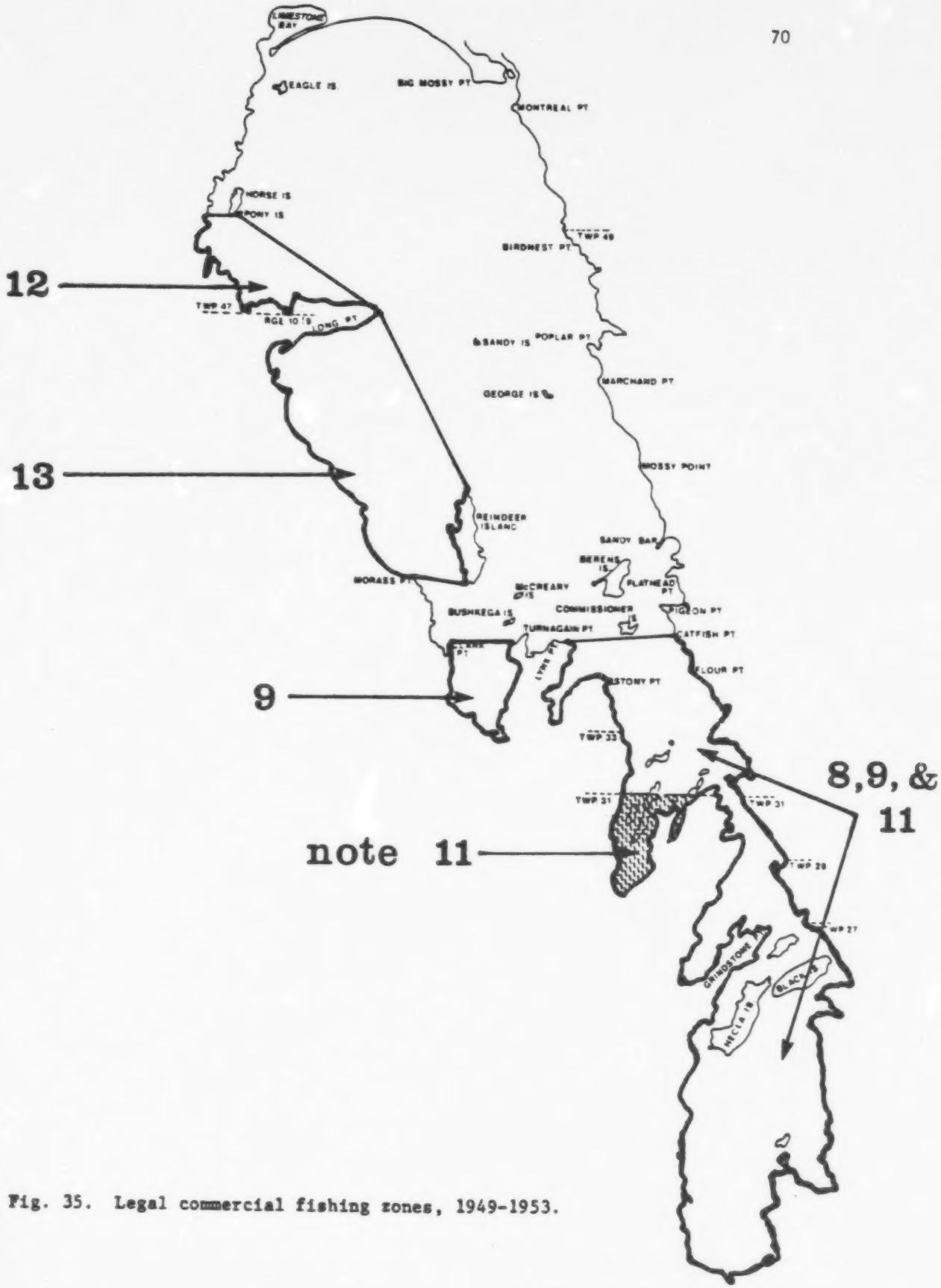

Fig. 35. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1949-1953.

Table 36. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1954-1960.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/54-365 P.C. 1201	54 08 18	first ice after Nov. 10 to 2nd. Sat. in March	Channel & South Basin	13	Whitefish	-	5¼"-5½"	2000 yd.
		as above	North Channel & South Basin	14	Walleye	-	4¼"-4½"	2000 yd. AREA INCREASE
		as above	as above	15	Sauger	-	3" -3¼"	2000 yd. AREA INCREASE Now the same as walleye
		Jan. 1-2nd Sat. in March	Grand Rapids	16	Whitefish	175,000 lb.	5¼"-5½"	2000 yd.
		as above	Reindeer Is.	17	Whitefish	400,000 lb.	5¼"-5½"	2000 yd.

Fig. 36. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1954-1960.

Table 37. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1961-1962.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
SOR/ 61-187 61 05 04 P.C.-654	1st. ice after Nov. 1- March. 10	Channel & South Basin	13	Sauger & Walleye	-	3"-4¼"	4000 yd.
	Dec. 1- March 10	Sturgeon Bay	14	Walleye	-	4¼"-4½"	4000 yd.
	as above	Grand Rapids	15	Whitefish	175,000 Whites & Walleye	5"-5½"	4000 yd.
	as above	Reindeer Is.	16	Whitefish	400,000	as above	4000 yd. MAX. 50 licences

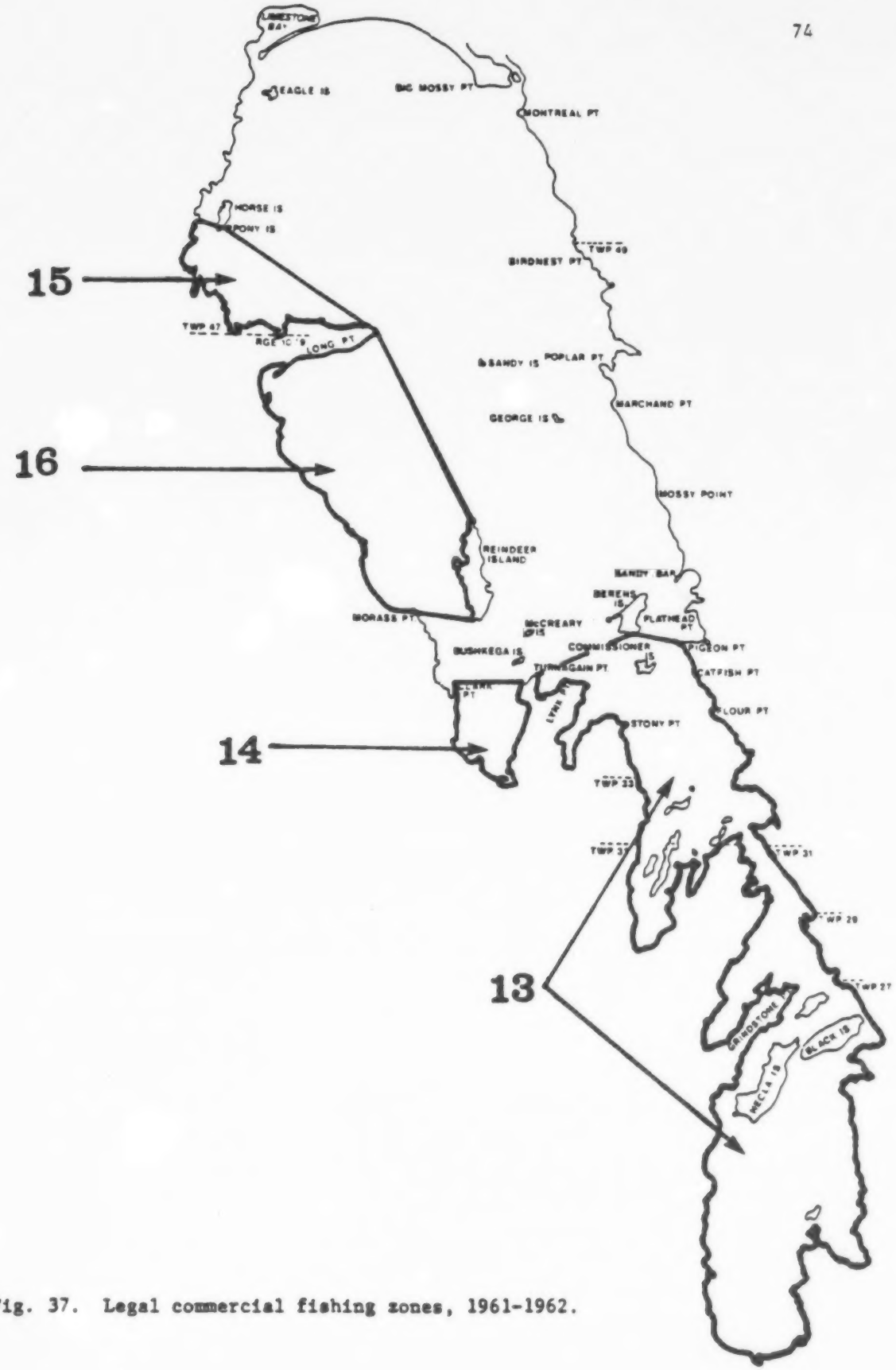

Fig. 37. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1961-1962.

Table 38. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1963-1966.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
SOR/63 138 P.C. 607	63 05 18	Dec. 1- March 10	Grand Rapids	15	Whitefish	250,000	5"-5½"	4000 yd.	QUOTA INCREASE AREA INCREASE
		as above	Reindeer Is.	16	Whitefish	300,000	as above	4000 yd.	QUOTA DECREASE AREA INCREASE

Fig. 38. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1963-1966.

Table 39. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1967.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
SOR/67-60	67 01 26	Dec. 1- March 10	Poplar River	18	Whitefish & Walleye	100,000	4¼"-5¼"	4000 yd.	AREA ADDED

Fig. 39. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1967.

Table 40. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1968-closure.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
SOR/68-556 P.C.-2239	68 12 10	Dec. 1-March 10	Poplar River	18	Whitefish & Walleye	100,000	5"-5½"	4000 yd.	AREA INCREASE MESH INCREASE

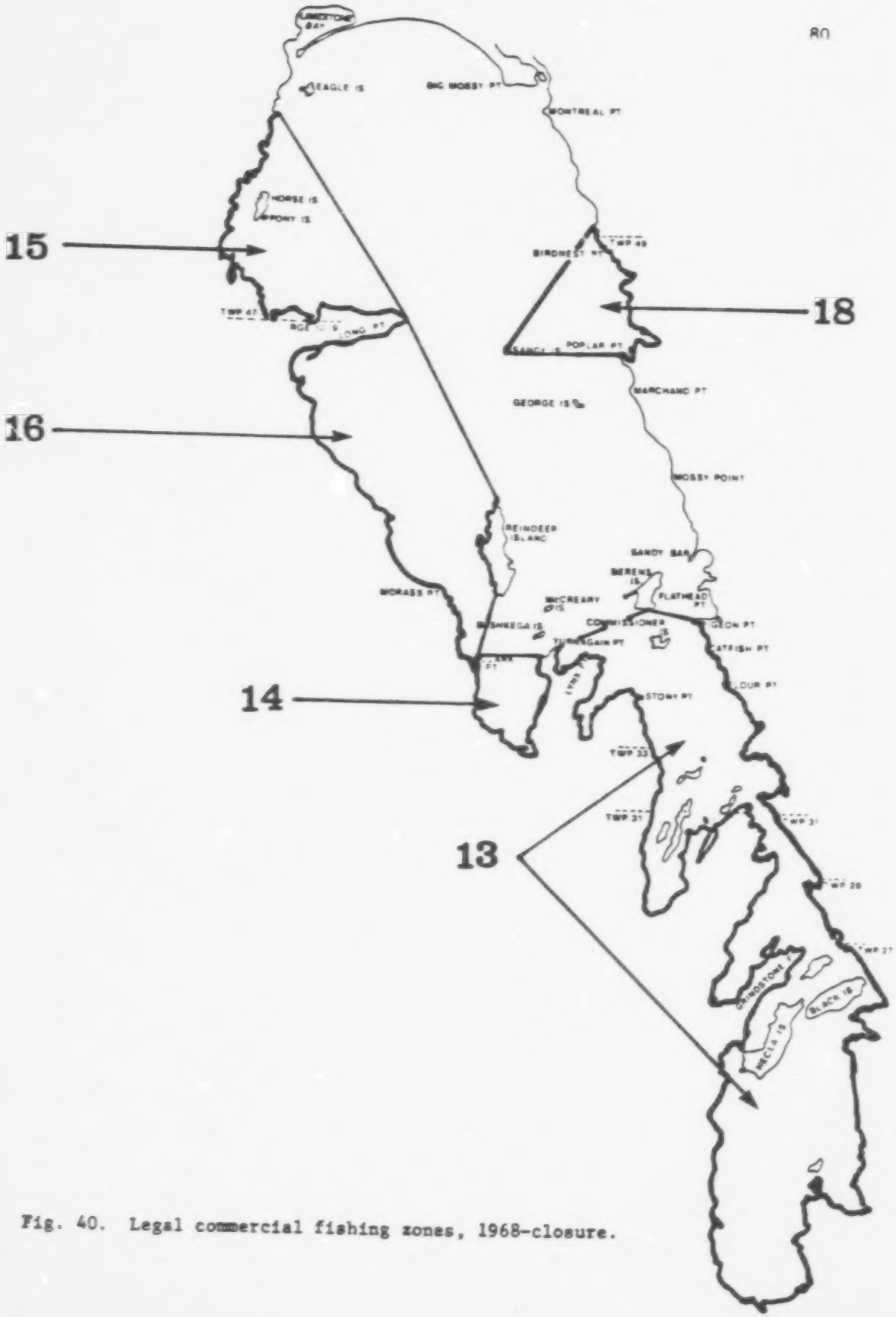

Fig. 40. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1968-closure.

Table 41. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1971-1972.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.	
SOR/71-264		first ice after Nov. 1-March 31	Sturgeon Bay	2(2)	Walleye & Whitefish	-	4¼"-5¼"	4000 yd.	
		as above	Grand Rapids	4	Whitefish	200,000	5 "-5¼"	4000 yd.	
		as above	Reindeer Is.	5	Whitefish	100,000	5 "-5¼"	4000 yd.	
		as above	Poplar River Black River	7	Whitefish	100,000	5 "-5¼"	4000 yd.	
C-72-9	72 11 17	as above	Sturgeon Bay	2(2)	Walleye, Sauger & Whitefish	1,255,000 aggregate	4¼"-5¼"	4000 yd.	
		as above	North Channel Berens River	13	Walleye & Sauger	incl. in 2(2)	3 "-5¼"	4000 yd.	NOTE: 1971 the same but without quota

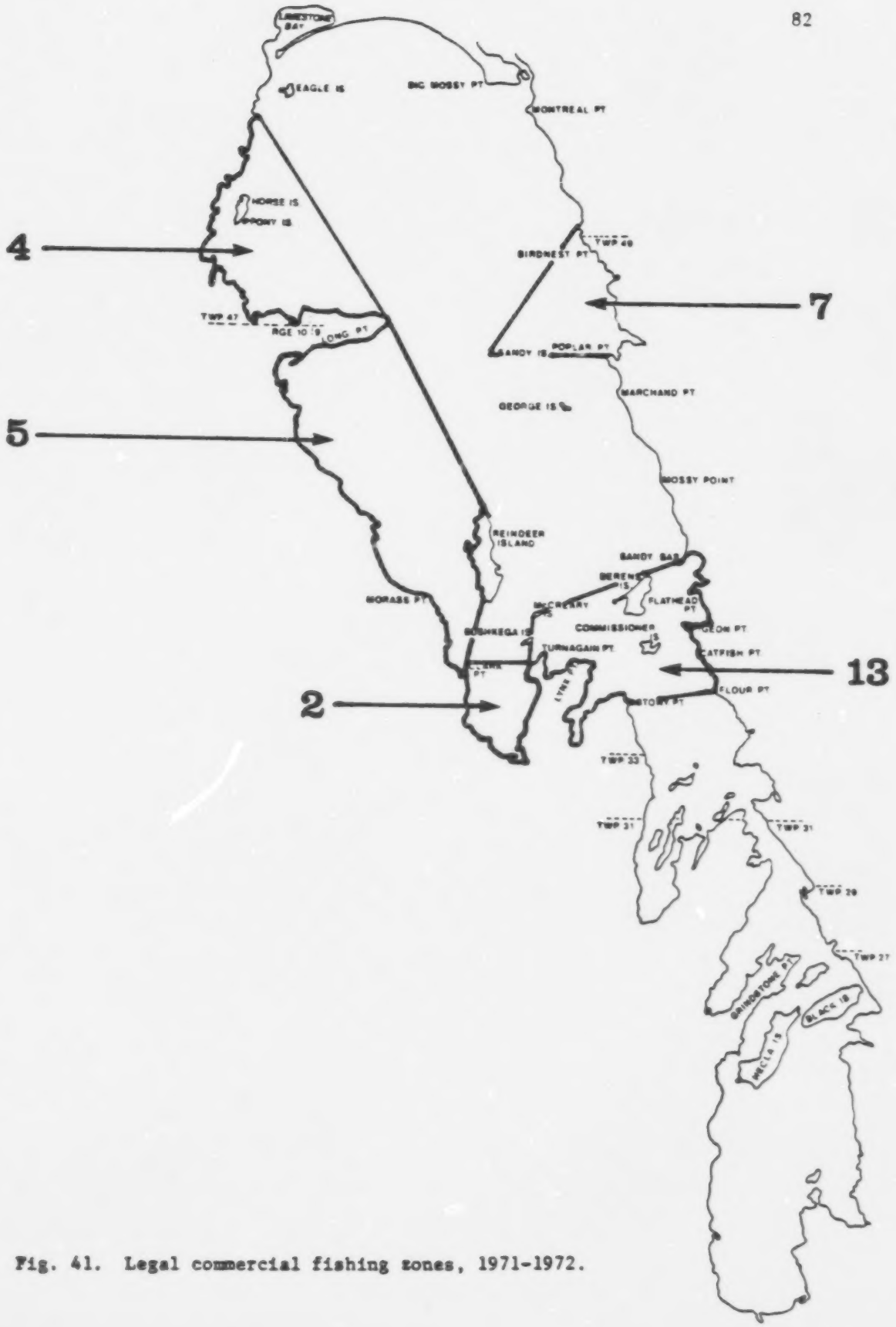

Fig. 41. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1971-1972.

Table 42. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1973-1977.

	DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
C-73-3	73 02 11	1st. Mon in Dec.-March 31	Sturgeon Bay	4(2)	Walleye, Sauger & Whitefish	1,255,000	4¼"-5½"	4000 yd.
		3rd Mon in Dec.-March 31	North-end	10	as above	400,000 ded whites rnd walleye & sauger	5 "-5½"	4000 yd.
		same as 4(2)	Channel & South Basin	11	as above	incl. in 4(2)	3 "-5½"	4000 yd.
C-74-7		first ice after Nov. 1-March 31	Sturgeon Bay	4(2)	as above	as 1973	4¼"-5½"	4000 yd.
		as above	North-end	10	as above	as 1973	5 "-5½"	4000 yd.
		as above	Channel & South Basin	11	as above	as 1973	3 "-5½"	4000 yd.
SOR/77-356		as above	Sturgeon Bay	4(2)	as above	143,000 4,000/com. 9,000/oper.	4¼"-5½"	4000 yd.
		as above	North-end	10	as above	688,500 lb. 14,050/lic.	4¼"-5½"	4000 yd.
		as above	Channel & South Basin	11	as above	1,016,000 4,000/com. 9,000/oper.	3 "-5½"	4000 yd.

Fig. 42. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1973-1977.

Table 43. Legal commercial seasons, limits & conditions, 1978.

DATE	SEASON	LAKE AREA	GAZETTE #	SPECIES	QUOTA	MESH SIZE	NET YDS/EQUIP.
March 30/78	Change in boundary prohibiting fishing in Limestone Bay						
C-78-12 79 01 11	as above	North-end	10	as above	888,500 lb.	5"-5¼"	4000 yd.
C-79-2 79 05 11	as above	North-end	10	as above	688,500 lb.	5"-5¼"	4000 yd.

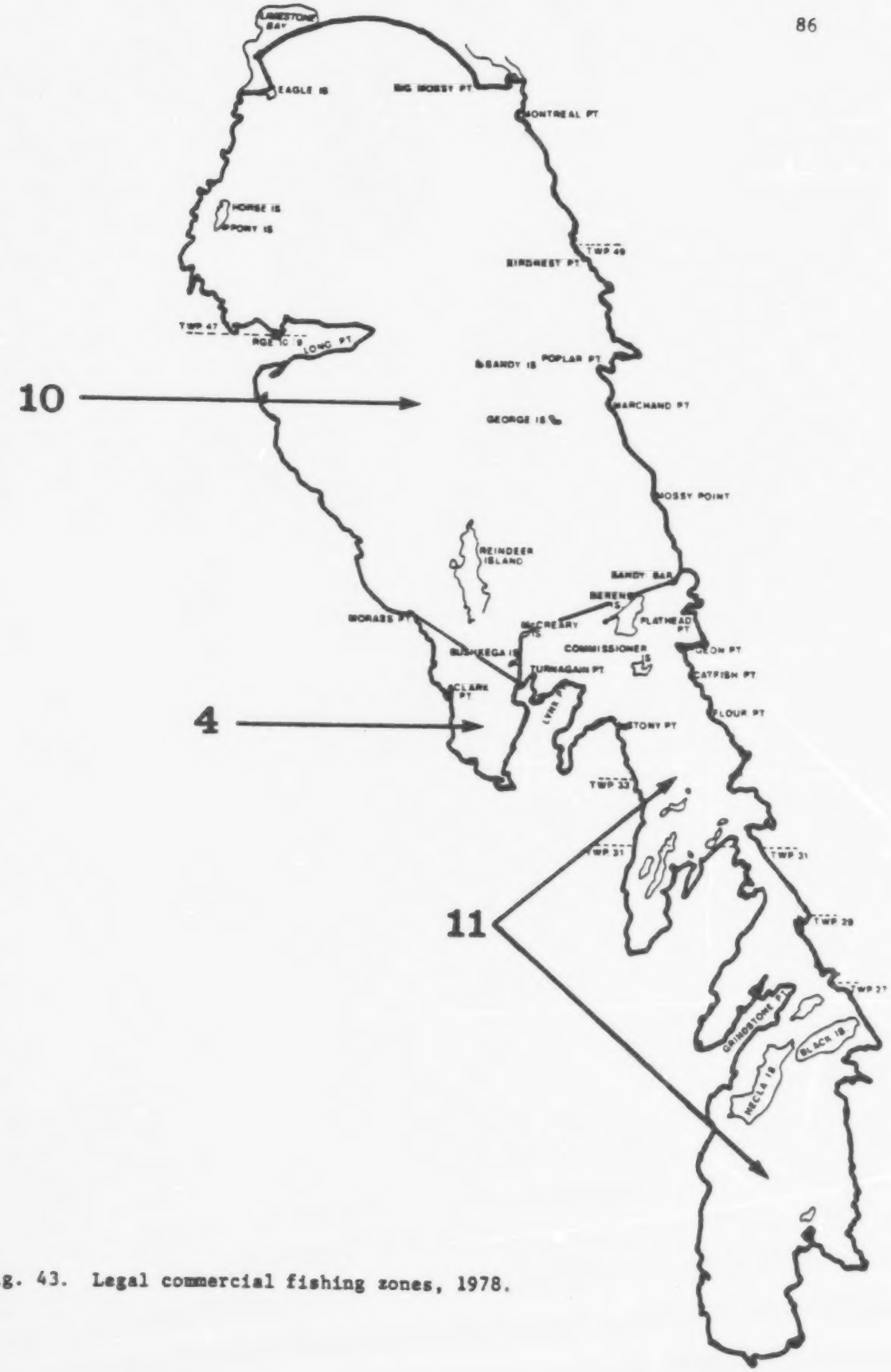

Fig. 43. Legal commercial fishing zones, 1978.

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